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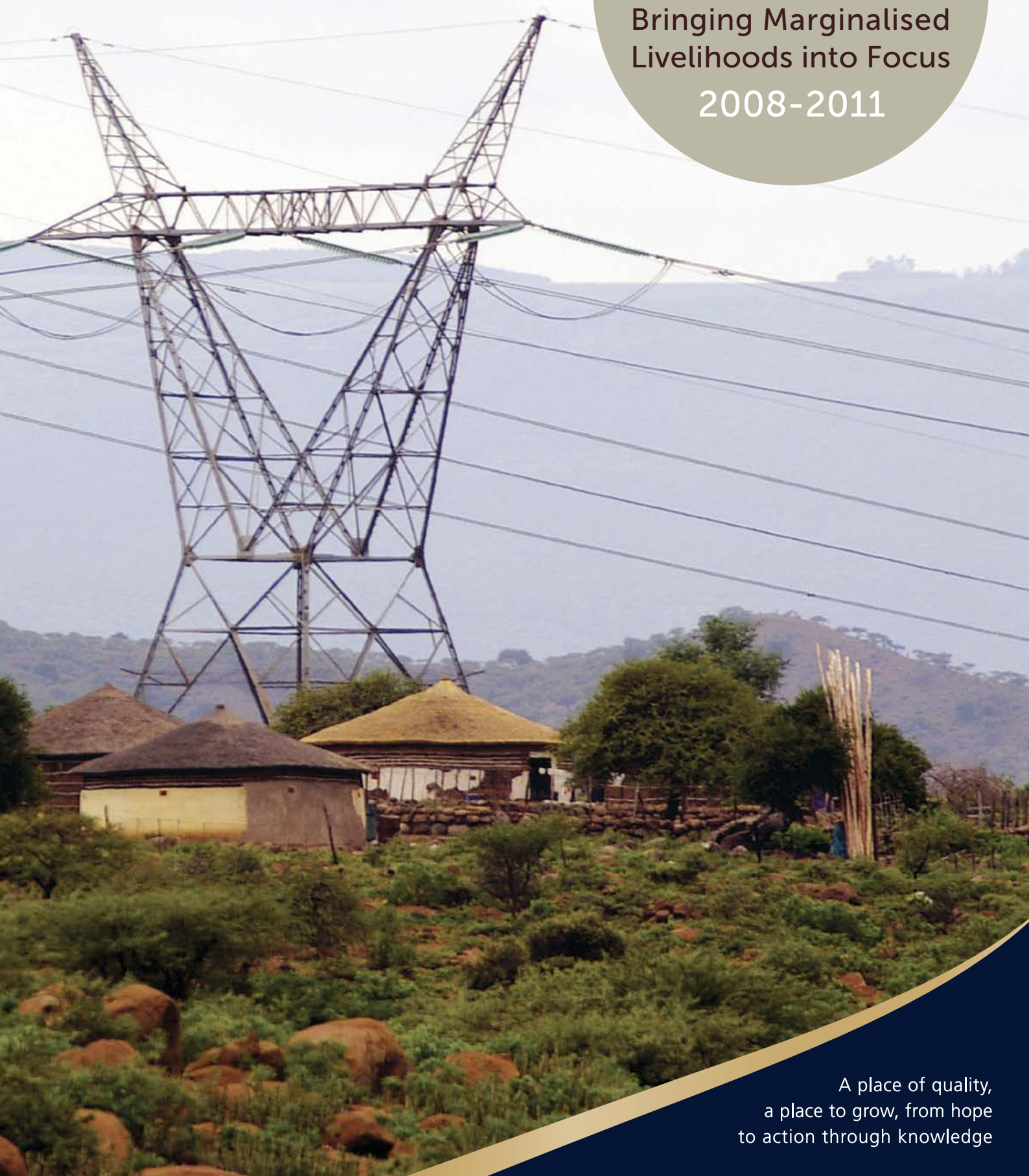
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Our Mission

PLAAS does research, policy engagement, teaching and training about the dynamics of chronic poverty and structural inequality in Southern Africa, with a particular emphasis on the key role of restructuring and contesting land holding and agro-food systems in the subcontinent and beyond.

Our mission emphasises the central importance of the agro-food system in creating and perpetuating poverty — and also in eradicating it. For much of our existence, our work has concentrated heavily on issues of production in these systems. But our focus is broadening to consider the upstream and downstream aspects of agro-food commodity chains and systems. Key aspects of social policy affecting the dynamics of poverty and inequality in Southern and South Africa are also being taken up in our work.

Within this broad field of investigation, our work focuses on the dynamics of marginalised livelihoods — particularly livelihoods which are vulnerable, structurally excluded or incorporated into broader economic systems on adverse terms. In this respect, we are particularly concerned with analysing land and agriculture based livelihoods of farm workers, small and subsistence farmers, those pertaining to coastal and inland artisanal fisheries and fishing communities, and the informally self-employed in rural as well as urban areas.

Prof Brian O'Connell

Rector, University of the Western Cape

Foreword



PLAAS will continue to provide our nation and beyond with best knowledge possible and assist us with our challenge of sense-making with respect to land and livelihoods.

Manual Castells stated that we humans could only respond successfully to the multitude of challenges facing us through knowledge and networks, working in partnership with others in order to make sense of things and achieve the desired outcomes. This insight is suggested by the University of the Western Cape's motto, a place of quality, a place to grow from hope to action through knowledge.

PLAAS, one of UWC's gems, has over the past 15 years proven how deeply it embraces our motto. The notion of hope is a powerful one at UWC as it encourages the belief that answers to one's challenges, no matter how desperate, can be found and one must approach them with optimism. PLAAS has always proceeded hopefully, advising, lecturing, challenging, exhorting and confronting those who listen as well as those who don't that we must believe that the answers are within our grasp.

But hope is not enough. To hope without engaging in action is to believe in fantasy, in fairy tales, which, if persisted with, bring nothing but disappointment and even despair. The expectation that one's future can be left completely in the hands of others is a recipe for disaster and leaders who suggest that everything is possible from and through them, are peddling dangerous fantasies. As WB Yeats put it:

We have fed the heart with fantasy and the heart's grown brutal on the fare.

PLAAS's theories and practices suggest a strong belief in action through democratically constructed partnerships which involve all of the critical role players, especially government whose task it is to create enabling environments in which civic partners can move to action and manage their own transformations with partners.

But while hope and action can create powerful, focused forces for change, the achievement of transformation goals can be undermined by the absence of knowledge and skills. Hope and action without knowledge and skills is potentially tragic as the harnessed energy may in fact destroy all hope because the actions chosen are inappropriate, misguided or completely wrong. We think of the many cures for HIV that have won favour in South Africa, including sex with a virgin.

It is in this knowledge area that PLAAS has established its stellar reputation, the reputation that won for it a SARChI chair. PLAAS will continue to provide our nation and beyond with best knowledge possible and assist us with our challenge of sense-making with respect to land and livelihoods.

Prof Andries du Toit



Director's Report

The past four years have been a time of change and adaptation at PLAAS. Profoundly important new developments — some alarming, some exciting — have happened in the world around us. Our institutional context at the University of the Western Cape has also changed, and we have gone through important shifts as an organisation. To mark this moment in our history, we have decided to publish — instead of the usual organisationally required Annual Report — a more in-depth look at ourselves and the field in which we work at a moment of transformation. In the following pages, we take the opportunity to highlight some of the most important new challenges facing those involved in our work: the work of promoting equitable change for people dependent on marginalised livelihoods. We describe the nature and urgency of the new politics of poverty, land and agrarian change that is taking shape around us. We also take a look back at our achievements and track record for the last four years and set out some of the challenges facing us in time to come.

PLAAS was founded seventeen years ago with the main purpose of doing policy-oriented research to support the newly elected government in implementing its land reform policies. Within a short time, it developed a strong international reputation for doing high quality in-depth research on matters related to these policies: the politics of human rights and access to land; the institutions of land governance, tenure and natural resource management; farm workers' living and working conditions; and so on.

But the world in which this research agenda developed is changing. The last four years have seen profound shifts in the global world order — climate change; global financial meltdown; the realignment of a world order constructed around political hegemony; and profound changes in the Middle East — all developments which require us to re-think many of our received ideas about growth, development, political change, and policy-oriented research.

For PLAAS, however, the most important changes are those that relate to the new urgency around land, agriculture and food. Since the global food price crisis of 2008, the nature and structure of local, national and international food systems have been hotly contested. Climate change, rising demand for bio-fuels, changing human diets leading to increased meat production and greater demand for animal

feed all put growing pressure on agricultural land, food production and natural resources. Governments and large corporations are seeing agricultural land as a newly attractive commodity and are acting pre-emptively to secure it, causing complex and controversial effects throughout sub-Saharan Africa, and indeed much of Southeast Asia and Latin America as well.

But more is at stake here than who controls land and coastal resources. Questions about access to land and maritime resources are only part of bigger questions about agro-food system governance more broadly. Agri-business, supermarkets and multinational corporations are becoming more and more powerful, dominating supply chains upstream and downstream. These processes of concentration and consolidation bring benefits for some, but threaten to undermine the livelihoods of many who are intricately dependent on these political and biophysical systems but who lack political and economic power within them. While multinationals gain more control over our food systems — commanding huge economic and political power — the underlying ecosystems that have previously sustained large-scale agriculture and fishing seem increasingly vulnerable and unable to sustain indefinite exploitation. The use of energy, biotechnology and agrochemicals and other issues relating to environmental sustainability are all becoming intricately entangled in a complex politics, touching not only on land use and production, but also trade, regulation and consumption. We thus find ourselves in a fateful moment. Urgent questions of biophysical sustainability and the management of scarce resources are emerging at the very time that political and economic power is becoming more concentrated and more unstable.

In this context, we have over time gradually broadened our original tight focus on land rights, tenure and governance systems. In the past four years, we have clarified and consolidated our vision of what we seek to do and have elaborated an agenda for research, policymaking, teaching and training that emphasises the centrality of the dynamics of chronic poverty and structural inequality in South Africa. Our particular emphasis is on understanding how the workings of agro-food systems can either perpetuate structural poverty and marginalisation — or alleviate it. Within this broad field of investigation, our work focuses

on the dynamics of marginalised livelihoods in agro-food systems; particularly livelihoods which are vulnerable, structurally excluded or adversely incorporated: those of farm workers, small and subsistence farmers, artisanal fishers and fishing communities, and the informally self-employed, in urban and in rural contexts.

In the last four years, we have explored important aspects of this terrain. It has been a time of considerable change — and also of significant achievement. In this time, we went through our first real change of leadership, with our founder, Prof Ben Cousins, taking up an NRF chair within PLAAS, and myself taking over as director. We also underwent a name change, officially becoming an Institute of the University on 20 January 2009. At the same time, the University of the Western Cape took definitive strides to redefine itself as a research-based institution, setting out an Institutional Operating Plan that emphasised the importance of socially relevant research, and identifying PLAAS as an important component of its strategy. Through all these developments, PLAAS continued to do cutting edge research, to teach and to publish in many international journals on a wide variety of topics. The pages that follow give some sense of some of these achievements. We highlight the work that we have done — and our researchers and staff set out briefly the research and policy challenges that come up ahead.

PLAAS faces significant challenges pursuing its research agenda in the coming years. On the one hand, we operate

in an increasingly competitive and constrained funding environment. Many long-established donors are withdrawing from South Africa, and those that remain have constrained funding resources. Another challenge relates to the increasingly fluid political and policy environment. Besides acting as expert advisors to policymakers, we are committed to speaking in public space as part of an open, public and democratic policymaking process. Finally, we will need to ensure that our teaching programme remains relevant to the subcontinent, and that we build a centre of excellence that can help policymakers and social change agents deal with the considerable policy and political challenges facing those concerned with the politics of food, land, fisheries and agriculture in the region.

Above all, we need to remain what we have succeeded in being over the last seventeen years: a hub of expertise, cutting-edge work and intellectual excitement; an academic platform in which researchers and academics based in the South can engage, intellectually and practically, with the pressing issues of our time. We have managed to survive in a precarious world by creating a value-based organisation, strongly committed to collegiality and trust, in which it is possible for staff to do high quality work in the service of equitable policy and social justice. Without this value base, and without the hard work, generosity and commitment of my colleagues, PLAAS would not be able to achieve its aims. I hope the following pages serve to introduce the researchers, knowledge workers and support staff who make PLAAS such a vibrant and enjoyable workplace.



1. Our Research Focus

PLAAS research is informed by a detailed and carefully thought out strategic understanding of our field of research. Our research strategy is a living vision, not a finalised document. We maintain this strategic vision through on-going and pro-active reflection and planning. Our annual Strategic Research Retreats are particularly important occasions for assessing the changing environment in an on-going way. Though we operate in an environment where funding is driven by opportunities and donor agendas, we seek to maintain our independent focus by building links between our researchers and projects, and to develop an integrated research programme that plays to our strengths. We promote a culture of public debate by hosting debate events, conferences and seminars, engaging in media interviews, and promoting informed public participation in pro-poor policy engagement.

Our work focuses on the dynamics of marginalised livelihoods — particularly livelihoods which are vulnerable, structurally excluded or incorporated into economic and social systems on adverse terms. Our research focus areas are:

- **Agriculture:** We research the transformation of agriculture in the context of the restructuring of agro-food systems in South and Southern Africa, including how smallholder farmers are inserted into mainstream and non-corporate agro-food value chains; commercialisation of agricultural land in southern Africa and beyond; pressures on large-scale and commercial agriculture; and challenges facing small and subsistence producers.
- **Land and Tenure Reform:** We analyse land use governance, land access and tenure systems, the politics and history of land reform in the region. We monitor the implementation and politics of land reform and rural development in South Africa, especially with respect to gender and other power dynamics. We support robust and informed public participation in policy processes, and provide analysis and information to civil society organisations that represent poor and marginalised people engaged in contesting land and agrarian policy.

- **Fisheries:** We do in-depth social and economic research on marginalised livelihoods in marine and coastal agro-food systems, including research on: marine and coastal resources policy in the sub-continent; the livelihoods of those who depend on coastal and inland fisheries; the role of small-scale fisheries in agro-food systems; and the relationship between land and marine/estuaries-based livelihood activities in coastal and inland communities.
- **Ecosystem Services and Natural Resource Management:** Conceptually linked to PLAAS's work on fisheries, our work on natural resource management, commons and ecosystem management highlights the human dimension of ecosystem management. We actively pursue trans-disciplinary work relating to ecosystem services for poverty alleviation.
- **Informal Self-Employment:** Our interest in marginalised livelihoods extends to non-agrarian livelihoods in the informal sector, and understanding spatial issues and rural–urban links.
- **Social Movements of the Poor:** Our work considers the political agency of poor and marginalised people. We have researched social movements of poor people, the dynamics of rural civil society and the dynamics of citizen participation and the interface between citizens and government — e.g. in service delivery or developing local or national policy.
- **Social Policy:** Our research is centrally concerned with a wide range of issues relevant to social policy — touching not only on land reform and agricultural policy but also labour law and social protection. In the future, we hope to expand this area significantly to research tax and benefit micro-simulation and how these can work to counter — or exacerbate — social inequality.
- **Integrated Water Resources Management:** Our research on water seeks to better understand the drivers and impacts of social water scarcity in South Africa, recognising that these are political, not just technical matters. Although achievements have been made in broadening access to water services and water resources for productive use, inequitable allocation of water and related resources, persists in South Africa today. In the realm of major water infrastructure development, such as water storage dams, the water governance framework is still not completely coherent on equitable benefit sharing, particularly with respect to historically disadvantaged rural communities, some of whom have been displaced from their land with inadequate or no compensation. In the realm of water services, governance issues underpin many service-related social protests and disputes, particularly in burgeoning informal settlements. Beyond the centre-stage of amplified urban grievances, many rural people lack secure access to water resources and services, and they continually devise various coping strategies at the risk of resilience failure. Our research seeks to understand how we can better harness water resources to enhance livelihoods and food security, and to reduce poverty and unemployment.



2. A Spotlight on Our Researchers

Whether PLAAS researchers are exploring land reform and restitution, land access in communal areas, fishing rights in marine protected areas, the nature of informal businesses in the countryside, towns and cities, or how social grants are used, the research always links back to:

- the ways in which the poor secure food and other necessities;
- the impacts of policies on the poor and their ability to secure livelihoods;
- the rights of those living on the margins; and
- the important role of social differentiation and social relations of power.

Each of our researchers has their own focus, brings their own concerns to the fore, and offers up their own perspectives. As an academic institute, PLAAS does not have a 'political line', but instead seeks to create a vibrant space for enquiry, analysis and debate. This space depends not only on the expertise and knowledge of researchers, but also on the diversity of our views, viewpoints and perspectives.

Dr Moenieba Isaacs



*Focus areas:
Small-scale fisheries
and coastal livelihoods;
poverty; natural resources;
and human dimensions of
ecosystem management
and governance*

Limiting catch sizes addresses the problems of fish-breeding, allowing schools to recuperate, but this has a huge impact on the livelihoods of small-scale fishers.

Dr Moenieba Isaacs joined PLAAS as a Research Associate and NUFU funded scholar in 1999, and earned her PhD from UWC in 2004 for her research on understanding the social processes and politics of fishery reform in coastal communities in South Africa. She was appointed to the position of Senior Lecturer in 2007. She has done extensive research on the politics of knowledge production and policymaking in small-scale fishery management, governance, coastal livelihoods and poverty with specific reference to the contestation of South African fishing policy.

A key issue, she argues, is the unbalanced nature of the dominant discourse on marine conservation:

Internationally we have a good grasp of the scientific aspects of fishing resource management but research and understanding about the human dimensions of fishing resource management is lacking. The key challenge for sustainable fishing in the future is not only to get the science right, but also to integrate the human and political economy dimension into the ecosystem approach to fisheries management and governance. This is a central issue not just in Southern Africa, but globally. Limiting catch sizes addresses the problems of fish-breeding, allowing schools to recuperate, but this has a huge impact on the livelihoods of small-scale fishers. Also, Marine Protected Areas often exclude small-scale fishers from traditional fishing areas, where many generations have eked out their existence. When these impacts are not factored in, unsustainable or unimplementable policies often result. Even when such policies can be implemented, they can have significant unintended impacts on poverty and social problems.

Dr Isaacs has worked extensively with communities in South Africa to find policy solutions to this problem.

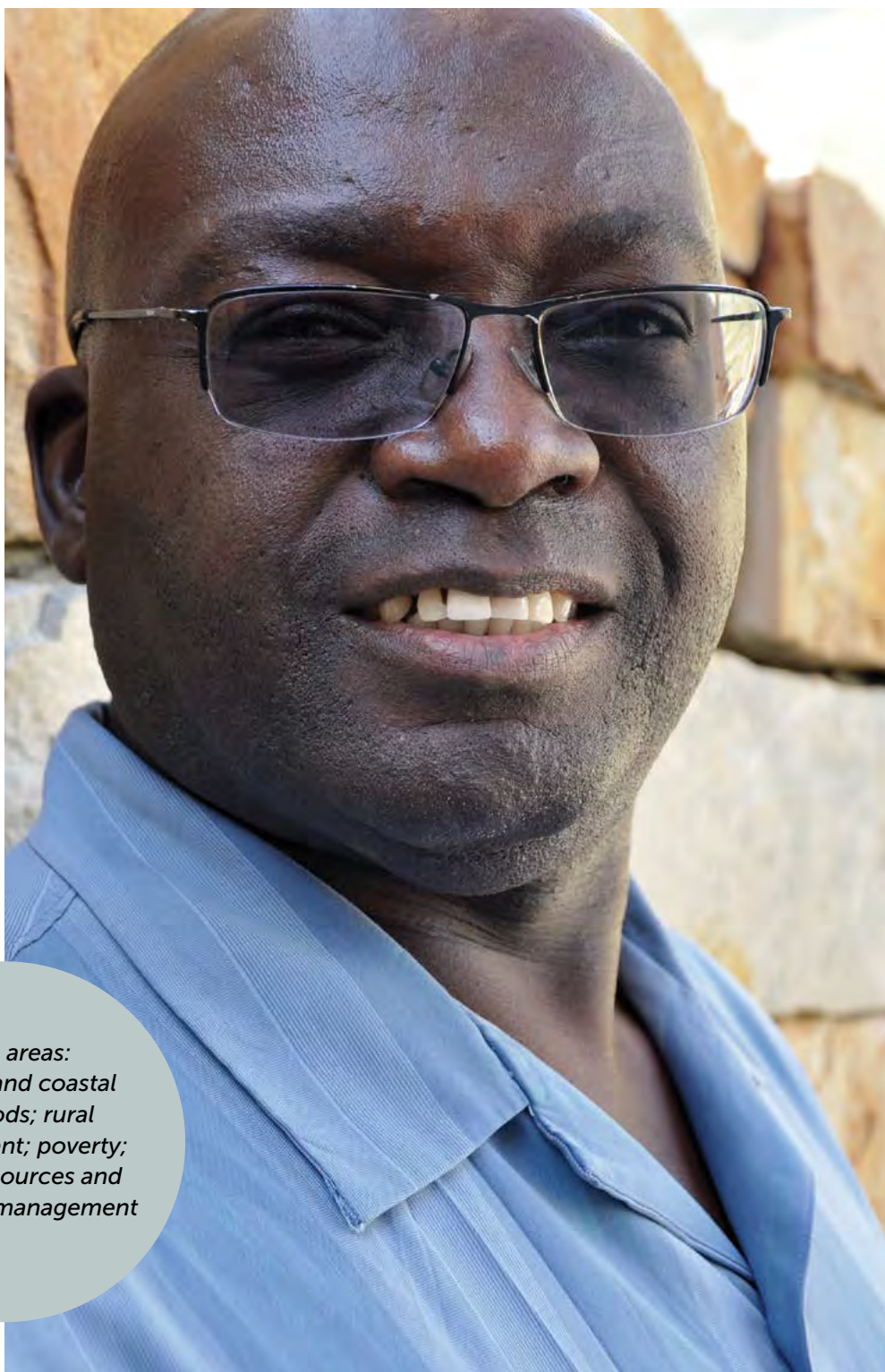
[This] has highlighted the importance of dealing with social differentiation and process in fishing ‘communities’. NGOs or government agencies who do not understand the complexity of these contexts often find themselves caught up in local conflicts.

A key issue for her is finding creative and appropriate ways to engage with social process, decision making and policy-making in the context of diverse civil society interests.

Key achievements and significant publications, 2008–2011

1. Elected member of the National Task Team and Technical Task Team commissioned to draft a small-scale fisheries policy for South Africa, released in September 2010 for public comment.
2. Member of *Integrated Marine Biogeochemistry and Ecosystem Research* (IMBER), *Human Dimension Working Group on Global Change in Marine Ecosystems*.
3. Isaacs M (2011) ‘Governance reforms to develop a small-scale fisheries policy for South Africa,’ in Chuenpagdee R (ed) *Contemporary Visions for World Small-Scale Fisheries*. Eburon: Amsterdam, 221–234.
4. Isaacs M (2011) ‘Creating an action space: Small-scale fisheries policy in South Africa,’ in Jentoft S and Eide A (eds). *Poverty Mosaics: Realities and Prospects in Small-Scale Fisheries*. Springer: Amsterdam, 359–382.

Dr Mafaniso Hara



*Focus areas:
Fisheries and coastal
livelihoods; rural
development; poverty;
natural resources and
ecosystem management*

While scientists point to the need to protect fish from over-fishing, this is often implemented with no input from dependent local communities.

Dr Mafaniso Hara holds a PhD from the University of the Western Cape based on research on user participation in fisheries. Hailing from Malawi, he joined PLAAS in 2000 and has more than 25 years' experience working as a social scientist with a focus on rural fishing communities in inland and coastal contexts. His current research is on integrated resource management, development of socio-economic indicators for small-scale fisheries, drivers of poverty in fishing communities and developing inland fisheries in southern and South Africa. His work has focused particularly on looking at social issues affecting fishing communities and coastal management:

These issues are often marginalised, but they are too big to ignore: while scientists point to the need to protect fish from over-fishing, this is often implemented with no input from dependent local communities who then feel their voices are not heard and their concerns marginalised. This in turn influences the ways communities react to policy implementation, and often to criminalising well-established livelihood activities.

Approaches that can protect valuable aquatic resources need to be developed in ways that protect — or at the very least, avoid exacerbating — the vulnerable marginal livelihoods. Dr Hara has also looked at the nature and viability of livelihoods based on fishing and coastal activities. Linking to other PLAAS research on food security and food value chains, he asked:

How can small-scale fishers better integrate into agro-food value chains in South and southern Africa through both formal and informal markets, and how can this help improve food security in the region and the livelihoods of small-scale fishers?

Climate change is another key focus of Dr Hara's work:

Global Warming is increasingly impacting on natural resource management and fish stocks, leading to changes in species available for fishing. We need to know much more about how local communities are coping with such impacts and how they might better be able to deal with them.

Dr Hara's concern with managing inland and marine fisheries and coastal resources has recently expanded to include broader concerns with natural resource governance. In recent years, Dr Hara led a major regional project on cross-sectoral commons governance in southern Africa, and since 2009, he has co-ordinated a five-country regional collaboration researching strategies for increasing national capacity in integrated commons management.

Significant publications, 2008–2011

1. Hara M (2011) 'Community response: Decline of the Chambo in Lake Malawi,' in Jentoft S and Eide A (eds) *Poverty Mosaics: Realities and Prospects in Small-scale Fisheries*. Springer: Amsterdam, 251–273.
2. Paterson B, Isaacs M, **Hara M**, Jarre A, Moloney CL (2010) 'Achieving transdisciplinary co-operation for EAF: A South African case study,' *Marine Policy* 34: 782–794.
3. Hara M, Turner S, Haller T, Matose F (2009) Governance of the commons in southern Africa: Knowledge, political economy and power,' *Development Southern Africa* 26(4): 521–537.
4. Hara M (2009) 'Crew members in South Africa's squid industry: Whether they have benefitted from transformation and governance reforms,' *Marine Policy* 33: 513–519.

Barbara Tapela



*Focus areas:
Transboundary water
resources governance
and management, policy and
institutional analysis, design of
stakeholder participation strategies;
water-related social protests; natural
resource management; smallholder
irrigated agriculture; inland
fisheries*

Reciprocity, respect and responsibility are key to the researcher–community relationship, and once you have linked communities to policymakers, researchers do not need to foment struggle as channels of communication are open.

Barbara Tapela holds an MA in Geography from the University of Pretoria and an MPhil in Water Resources Studies from the University of the Western Cape; she recently submitted her doctoral thesis in Land and Agrarian Studies. Tapela first worked at PLAAS from May 2003 to September 2009; after a brief stint as Senior Researcher at the African Centre for Water Research, she has now returned. Tapela is a stakeholder participation expert with vast experience in trans-boundary water resource governance, management, policy and institutional analysis.

An essential component of her work, Tapela argues, is amplifying the voices of the poor who are often worst affected by inadequate water resource planning and management. She highlights the proliferation of service delivery protests, noting that although urban protests usually receive media attention:

One quarter of rural people are also protesting in the silent backdrops of rural South Africa. While rural people tend to adhere to cultural practices, they are being pushed by the poor conditions under which they must access water. People queuing at distant taps and pumps are at risk of being attacked by wild animals and women are at risk of rape. Frustrations build up!

Therefore, Tapela argues her role as a researcher is not just to be a mouthpiece for the poor, but to bring them to research report meetings and let them speak for themselves:

When you work in contested terrains, where communities are being threatened you need to bring people onto platforms, build their confidence and give them space to strengthen their voice. Research–to–policy work is made rich by the inclusion of communities! Reciprocity, respect and responsibility are key to the researcher–community relationship, and once you have linked communities to policymakers, researchers do not need to foment struggle as channels of communication are open.

For Tapela, working as a researcher in poor communities is complex, hence she considers it important to heed research ethics in poor communities. She asks:

How do communities relate to research? If research has a social dimension we have a duty and responsibility to give back to communities who contribute so much to our knowledge and research careers. Therefore we must interrogate research ethics, observe due diligence and develop best practices and protocols for working with communities.

In the coming year, Tapela will further enrich her understanding of social protests by researching the varied contexts in which social protests happen — what triggers social protest and how do we best pre-empt protest through better planning and water management? Key issues she will explore in this study include: unequal access, relative deprivation, privatisation, dissatisfaction, mobilisation and organisation, and the role of the media in reinforcing social protest actions. In addition, she will work closely with policy-makers and contribute to developing a South African inland fisheries policy.

Key achievements and significant publications, 2008–2011

1. Water Research Commission (South Africa) Research Review Panel member on 'Water Use and Waste Management' and 'Water Resource Management'
2. Tapela BN, Buschër B, Maluleke L, Twine W and Steenkamp C (2009) Guidelines for Negotiating Social Research in Communities Living Adjacent to Transboundary Protected Areas: Kruger National Park. Johannesburg: University of Johannesburg.
3. Tapela BN (2009) 'Stakeholder participation in the transboundary management of the Pungwe River Basin,' in Swatuk LA and Wirkus L (ed) *Transboundary Water Governance: Examining Underexplored Dimensions*. Bonn: Nomos Press, 133–161.
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Dr Ruth Hall



*Focus areas:
Land reform; 'land
grabbing'; agricultural policy;
rural development; agro-
food value chains*

The global agro-food system faces numerous challenges, including a higher-than-ever-before concentration of food value chain ownership in the hands of a few multinationals.

Dr Ruth Hall joined PLAAS in 2002 and graduated with a DPhil in Politics at the University of Oxford in 2011, where she previously obtained an MPhil in Development Studies. Her doctoral work focuses on the interests, actors and discourses that influenced the development of South African land reform policy. Key research interests that have shaped her work at PLAAS are: land tenure and redistribution, gender and development policy, and broad-based agricultural development. Her work has strongly emphasised the role of rights-based policy approaches to tenure for farm workers and other poor landholders.

Until recently, her work at PLAAS focused on research and policy advice on land and agrarian reform within South Africa. In recent years, however, her focus has extended beyond South Africa to incorporate a more international perspective, linking to international research on land and the future of food and farming in sub-Saharan Africa. She leads a five-country study on the politics and impacts of large-scale land acquisitions, and convenes a small grants programme of twenty smaller studies covering fourteen African countries. Describing the nature of global agrarian change, Dr Hall says:

Since the 2008 food price crisis, land and agriculture have become an increasingly contested issue. National governments are becoming concerned about food security, agribusiness is re-positioning itself, and investors are starting to see African agriculture as an attractive option. From being relegated to the backwaters, agriculture and agricultural production are becoming a key issue of concern.

Such interest in agriculture and agricultural production has led to a marked rise in international investments in agricultural production. Some critics have dubbed these large-scale leases of public and customary land as 'land grabs', as Hall explains:

These 'overseas land investments' have massive implications for food security in Africa, directly impacting on access to land for Africans and on Africa's ability to benefit from food value chains.

Investments do not only come from the north: South African agri-businesses are also making 'land investments' in other SADC countries. In light of such changes, the need for informed local, national, regional and global land policy and administration is pressing. Dr Hall sees these issues as key future research concerns for PLAAS:

The global agro-food system faces numerous challenges, including a higher-than-ever-before concentration of food value chain ownership in the hands of a few multinationals. 'Overseas land investments' could lead to even greater concentration of power in the few agro-food multinationals. Food security is already an issue of international focus, with new global governance policy documents currently being formulated on the issue; it is essential that African realities and the local concerns of rural African farmers inform global policies. More research is needed to present evidence at a global level to inform such debates and simultaneously develop locally and nationally appropriate smallholder agricultural development models to ensure food production can meet local demand now and into the future.

Key achievements and significant publications, 2008–2011

1. Graduated with a DPhil in Politics from Oxford University in 2011.
2. Walker C, Bohlin A, Hall R, Kepe T (eds) (2010) *Land, Memory, Reconstruction and Justice: Perspectives on Land Restitution in South Africa*. Ohio: Ohio University Press and Durban: UKZN Press.
3. Hall R (2010) 'Two cycles of land policy in South Africa: Tracing the contours,' in Anseeuw W, Aden C (eds) *The Struggle over Land in Africa: Conflicts, Politics and Change*. Cape Town: HSRC Press: 175–192.
4. Hall R (ed) (2009) *Another Countryside? Policy Options for Land and Agrarian Reform in South Africa*. Cape Town: Institute for Poverty, Land and Agrarian Studies, University of the Western Cape.

Dr Gaynor Paradza



*Focus areas:
Land tenure; training;
gender; governance;
sustainable livelihoods;
smallholder agricultural
value chains; 'land
grabbing'*

Smallholder farmers are facing many challenges all of which cannot be solved through integrating the smallholder farmers into corporate and agrifood dominated value chains.

Dr Gaynor Paradza joined PLAAS in September 2010. She holds an MSc in Rural and Urban Planning from the University of Zimbabwe and a PhD from Wageningen University in the Netherlands. Prior to joining PLAAS, Dr Paradza supported PLAAS partners working on a large regional project, *Securing Women's Access to Land*. Since she joined PLAAS, Dr Paradza has been researching the role of agro-food value chains in shaping the prospects and livelihoods of small-scale farmers in Southern Africa.

Dr Paradza argues that smallholder farming should not be seen as a one-size-fits-all solution:

The dominant policy framework around small farmers is changing in important ways. Smallholder farmers are facing many challenges all of which cannot simply be solved through integrating the smallholder farmers into corporate and agrifood dominated value chains. A more effective approach to sustaining smallholder farmers should be led by policies drawing on empirical and robust research which not only divides the farmers into diverse typologies but also explores other value chains such as those linking farmers to their local markets and state led food procurement systems.

Her work at PLAAS investigates these issues in more detail:

We are looking at the somewhat under-researched issue of non-corporate, short and socially networked value chains, and the potential they have for creating local economies to support marginalised livelihoods.

The work ties into broader debates on food security, poverty and inequality and land governance in Southern Africa. Given the current global situation — where multinationals buy large tracts of land in Africa and where agricultural production is ever more affected by climate change — she sees a need to examine more closely the impacts of such global changes on rural poverty, how poor people adjust to the changes and how this affects local service delivery. Increasing pressure on natural resources and increasing competition over access will affect future land-use policy and impact directly on small-scale and subsistence farmers; researching the impact of such developments on women and other vulnerable groups, is a key focus for Dr Paradza.

Dr Paradza is also working on the increasing phenomenon of large scale land investments or 'land grabbing'. She is looking at the impact of these investments on local communities and livelihoods to inform policy making and land governance in affected areas. Dr Paradza believes that as long as foreign direct investments in land are governed through the normal business approach, they will not yield any positive and or sustainable development outcomes for the continent. Sustainable and so called win-win investments in land should be informed by outcomes that extend beyond economic gains for the investor to include social, sentimental and intergenerational benefits to the host communities.

Through her research, Dr Paradza hopes to inform host governments of the negative consequences of the current land transfer systems that favour investors through cheap land, large subsidies and infrastructural benefits at the expense of local communities's land tenure security and livelihood sustainability. She remains hopeful that current research, organisation by communities and lobbying by various stakeholders will eventually lead to the production of sustainable investor–community relationships and sustainable land governance models that protect the land rights of communities.

Significant publications, 2008–2011

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2. Makura-Paradza G (2010) *Single Women, Land and Livelihood Vulnerability in the Communal Areas of Zimbabwe*. Wageningen: Wageningen Publishers.
3. Paradza G (2010) 'Single women's experiences of HIV and AIDS in the rural areas of Zimbabwe' in Niehof A, Rugalema G and Gillespie S (eds) *AIDS and Rural Livelihoods: Dynamics and Diversity in Sub-Saharan Africa*. Oxford: EarthScan: 77–95.
4. Paradza GG (2009) 'Intergenerational struggles over urban housing: The impact on livelihoods of the elderly in Zimbabwe,' *Gender and Development* 17(3): 417–426.

Dr Michael Aliber



*Focus Areas:
Land and agricultural
policy; rural
development; poverty;
livelihoods*

At present, land reform does not happen in ways that are well-informed by spatial thinking, but is instead guided by where the land is, rather than where viable livelihoods are needed or can be created.

Dr Aliber holds a PhD in Agricultural and Applied Economics from the University of Wisconsin, and has been active in land and agrarian policy studies since the mid-1990s, working first at the Land and Agricultural Policy Centre (LAPC) and later at the Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC). He has a long association with PLAAS: in 2001/2, he was instrumental in helping establish PLAAS's work on chronic and structural poverty as part of the network of the UK-based Chronic Poverty Research Centre. He formally joined PLAAS in January 2008 and has since been involved in researching the livelihoods impact of land and agrarian reform, particularly in the Limpopo area. He has also done extensive research on the prospects for smallholders to develop sustainable agriculture-based livelihoods, with particular reference to value chains and links to markets. Playing a key role in PLAAS's teaching postgraduate programme, Dr Aliber has taught the module on the economics of agrarian systems.

Dr Aliber notes that despite government's declared focus on land reform and rural development, policy and policy implementation lacks clarity on how to do land reform, implement development in rural areas and support smallholders to successfully produce food and integrate into food markets.

A key issue that has emerged from our research is the need to use land reform to reconfigure rural space in ways that can support viable local economies. At present, land reform does not happen in ways that are well-informed by spatial thinking, but is instead guided by where the land is, rather than where viable livelihoods are needed or can be created.

Dr Aliber left PLAAS in 2011 to take up employment in the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF), where he will focus his efforts on supporting smallholders. But his association with PLAAS has not ended:

I certainly intend to continue contributing to teaching and supervision at PLAAS. In addition, I hope that my work in DAFF can continue to provide learning opportunities and spaces for exchange of ideas between policy-makers, implementers and researchers.

Significant publications, 2008–2011

1. Aliber M, Maluleke T, Thagwana M and Manenzhe T (2010) 'Restitution, agriculture and livelihoods: National debates and case studies from Limpopo Province' in Walker C, Bohlin A, Hall R and Kepe T (eds) *Land, Memory, Reconstruction, and Justice: Perspectives on Land Claims in South Africa*. Ohio University Press: Ohio and UKZN Press: Durban
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4. Walker C, Aliber M and Nkosi B (2008) 'Research findings from Amajuba, South Africa,' in Swaminathan H, Ashburn K and Kes A (eds) *Women's Property Rights, HIV and AIDS, and Domestic Violence: Research Findings from Two Districts in South Africa and Uganda*. Cape Town: HSRC Press.

Karin Kleinbooï



*Focus areas:
Land policy; land
rights; tenure reform;
farmworkers*

PLAAS must continue to highlight policy gaps, implementation, trends and implications of land issues through policy research.

Karin Kleinbooi joined PLAAS in May 2004 and has since been involved in research on existing and emerging land policy issues, farm dweller land reform, women's land rights, and monitoring and evaluating land reform implementation in South Africa. Kleinbooi has gradually expanded the scope of her work to cover regional and trans-national issues. She co-ordinates key land sector practitioners and scholars in southern Africa to share experiences and derive policy-relevant lessons from practice and implementation, articulating benefits and limitations of decentralisation, and people-led but state-supported approaches to land reform.

In 2010, she edited a *Review of Land Reforms in Southern Africa*, and in 2011 managed production of a workbook anchored in case studies that highlight *Decentralised Land Governance* in Botswana, Madagascar and South Africa. The case studies are located against the backdrop of land governance, tenure policy and legislation in each country and the book will aid analysis, cross-fertilisation of country experiences, and identify key learnings about land tenure and land management.

Kleinbooi continues to focus on South African land reform as land and agrarian questions remain. Given that there are no significant shifts in the racial profile of landholders, budget allocations for land reform remain insufficient and coherent policy is still lacking, she says:

PLAAS must continue to highlight policy gaps, implementation, trends and implications of land issues through policy research.

Regarding land reform and rural transformation, Kleinbooi says the NGO sector is fragmented, hampering efforts to feed research findings and analysis to the sector in a way that supports organisations' mobilisation strategies. PLAAS needs to innovate communications and information processes and find creative ways to engage with and sup-

port civil society organisation. In future, Kleinbooi will focus her research on the disconnect between policy processes and civil society organisations — many of whom lack the opportunity or resources to engage in policy development and innovation to keep pace with changing rural realities — as she undertakes a project aimed at interrupting the civil society crisis of fragmentation and marginalisation. PLAAS will provide an enabling environment to support participation in policy development, debate and innovation by rural civil society organisations:

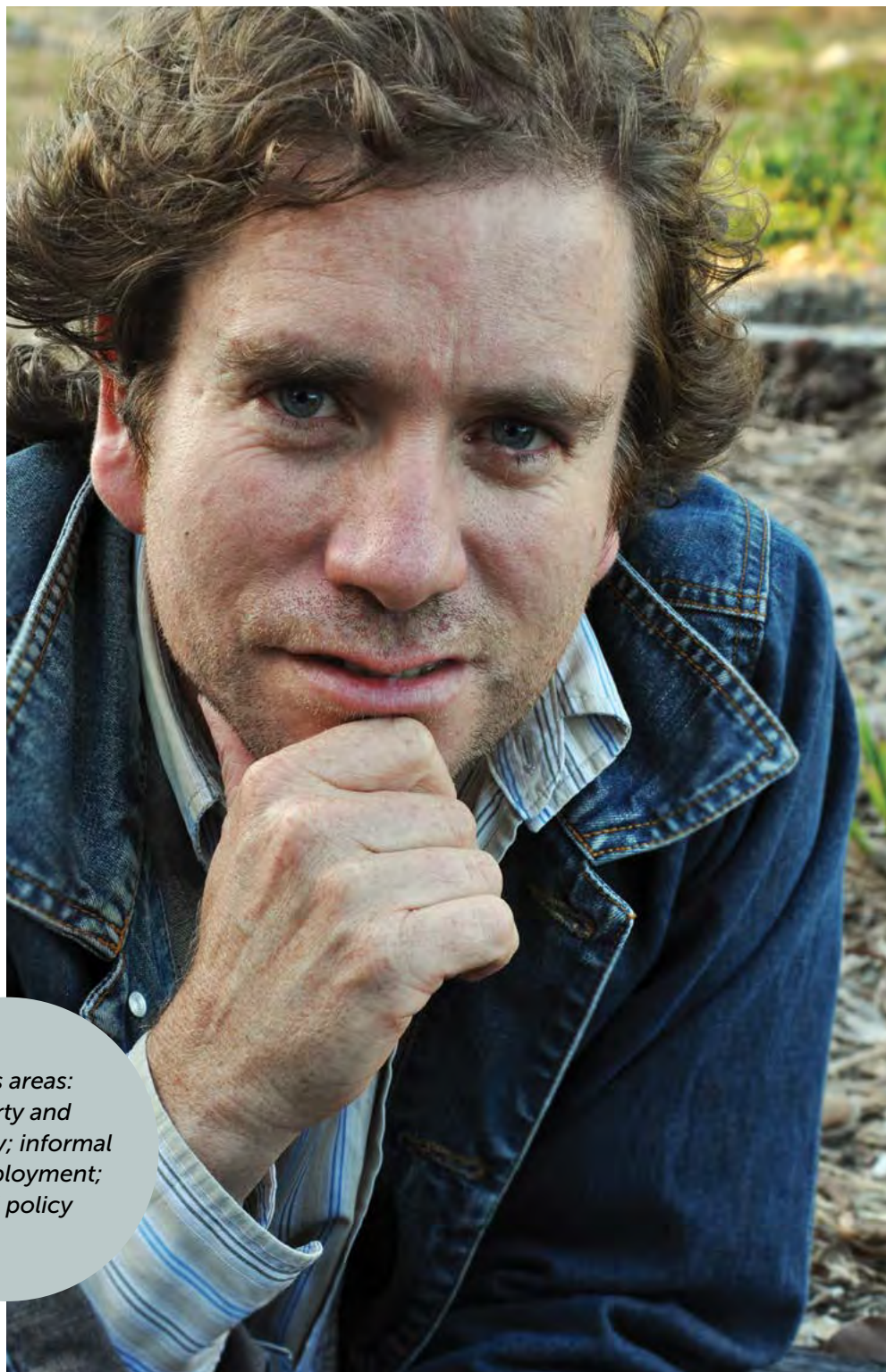
Research and analysis that deepens and sharpens understanding on the causes of poverty and marginalisation, and that allows critical engagement with policies and processes is vital to our work with civil society.

Research dissemination, information exchange and networking with rural civil society to facilitate field-based learning and innovation processes will also be key to the project. Through this project, PLAAS will gain a better understanding of the challenges and best practices of using research to support a vibrant rural civil society.

Key achievements and significant publications, 2008–2011

1. Graduated with MPhil in Land and Agrarian Studies from PLAAS, University of the Western Cape.
2. De Satgé R, **Kleinbooi K** with Tanner C (2011) *Decentralised Land Governance: Case studies and Local Voices from Botswana, Madagascar and Mozambique*. PLAAS, UWC: Bellville.
3. Kleinbooi K (ed) (2010) *Review of Land Reforms in Southern Africa*. Bellville: PLAAS.
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David Neves



*Focus areas:
Poverty and
inequality; informal
self-employment;
social policy*

In this environment, where myth often prevails over fact, research can play a valuable role by providing hard evidence and injecting some grounded common sense into the public, media-fuelled discourse on social grants.

David Neves, who holds a Masters degree in Research Psychology from Rhodes University, joined PLAAS in 2006. His research is concerned with the strategies of people coping with the consequences of structural poverty and unemployment in urban and rural contexts. His research focuses on the dynamics of informal self-employment, social networks and human capital formation in migrant networks. Bringing a theoretical interest in human development and the micro-dynamics of social change to issues of chronic poverty and rural livelihoods, he is exploring these issues in depth in his PhD research in the Department of Psychology at UCT. Neves argues:

Poverty in South Africa is a contested and loaded term. On the one hand, many state based actors prefer to consider it in a depoliticised way, disconnected from divisive political issues, and in isolation from inequality. On the other, campaigners often reduce it to a slogan, and discount the difficult trade-offs and choices policymakers have to make.

These contradictory discourses, he says, pose challenges for researchers interested in supporting evidence-based policy making: research has to be sensitive to 'political economy' while remaining rigorous and scholarly. Research on poverty and marginalised livelihoods is particularly vital at present, Neves argues, with the Zuma administration giving more attention to tackling poverty and inequality — focused on job creation, backed up by social protection. In this highly contested, polarised terrain, battles are fought over what labour laws are appropriate to South Africa.

Discussions on social protection and welfare grants are similarly polarised, with many interlocutors often concerned with questions about dependency, moral hazard and other adverse impacts cash transfers are often imagined to have on human behaviour. In this environment, where myth often prevails over fact, research can play a valuable role by providing hard evidence and injecting some grounded common sense into the public, media-fuelled discourse on social grants.

Neves's research has illustrated the key role of state social grants in sustaining networks of social reciprocity, informal self-employment and subsistence agriculture. Supported by international research networks like the CPRC, whose South African country programme Neves headed in

2009/10, there is increasing international recognition that African countries can and should implement social welfare systems to tackle poverty. Combined with minimum work guarantees, more Public Works Programmes, better micro-credit programmes, and more support for informal sector workers, social protection can provide substantial support to marginalised people.

Neves's research will continue to focus on these issues in coming years. His particular focus will be on how social policy can support social protection and economic development and how these can contribute to developing local economies in which the livelihoods of the marginalised and vulnerable poor can be supported, protected and allowed to grow. In particular in 2012, Neves, as part of a small research consortium led by the Centre for the Analysis of South African Social Policy (CASASP) at the University of Oxford, will be involved in an ESRC supported project entitled 'Lone Mothers in South Africa – The role of social security in respecting and protecting dignity.' He is also involved in the Growth and Agriculture project, which seeks to find the links between farm and non-farm activities in rural areas, and the possible multiplier effects of these activities.

Key achievements and significant publications, 2008-2011

1. Neves D and Du Toit A (2010) 'Working on the margins: Poverty and economic marginality in South Africa,' Editor's introduction in *Journal for Law, Democracy and Development*. 14(3).
2. Neves D (2010) 'Economic informality in South Africa: Practice and policy,' Presentation at *Local Economies, Consumption, Enterprise, Insurance, Indebtedness, and Gambling in Perspective Symposium*. Wits Institute for Social and Economic Research, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, 15 September 2010.
3. Neves D (2010) 'Social grants: Going beyond basic needs,' *South African Labour Bulletin* October/November 2010.
4. Neves D, Samson M, van Niekerk I, Hlatshwayo S, Du Toit A (2009) *Research Report: The Use and Effectiveness of Social Grants in South Africa*. Johannesburg: FinMark Trust.

Jan Mogaladi



*Focus areas:
Poverty; social
movements; political
institutions; human
rights*

Intense as these protests are, the people involved often fail to sustain them for very long, and they also do not often succeed in linking localised processes to a more sustained challenge that can effectively pressurise government delivery.

Jan Mogaladi has an MPhil in Political Management from Stellenbosch University, and specialises in analysing the politics of poverty and social movements of the poor. Mogaladi joined PLAAS in November 2007 as a researcher on a project on social movements and poverty, undertaken jointly with Anthony Bebbington and Diana Mitlin at the University of Manchester. More recently, he worked on a project on poverty and informal self-employment funded by the Programme to Support Pro-Poor Policy Development at the South African Presidency. In addition, he has undertaken advisory work on indigent policies for Tshwane municipality.

Mogaladi's key research concerns relate to social movements, development and globalisation. He plans to explore these concerns in his PhD; which will focus on the ways social movements take up poor and marginalised people's interests and concerns, and how dominant political discourses — e.g. the discourse of human rights — shape and mediate the ways such social movements work.

This is an important issue at present, when the frustrations of poor people are most commonly articulated in the form of often-violent service delivery protests. Intense as these protests are, the people involved often fail to sustain them for very long, and they also do not often succeed in linking localised processes to a more sustained challenge that can effectively pressurise government delivery.

In this context, Mogaladi is very interested in the ideologies social movements use to mobilise poor people, and the ways they move back and forth between 'zero-sum militancy' and emphasising negotiation and compromise. A central problem, Mogaladi emphasises, is the weakness of the local state, and a lack of representative structures that can ensure politicians are held accountable to local constituencies. Proportional representation means that politicians are accountable to party whips, while local gov-

ernment — which can be more accountable — often lacks capacity or resources. Mogaladi explains:

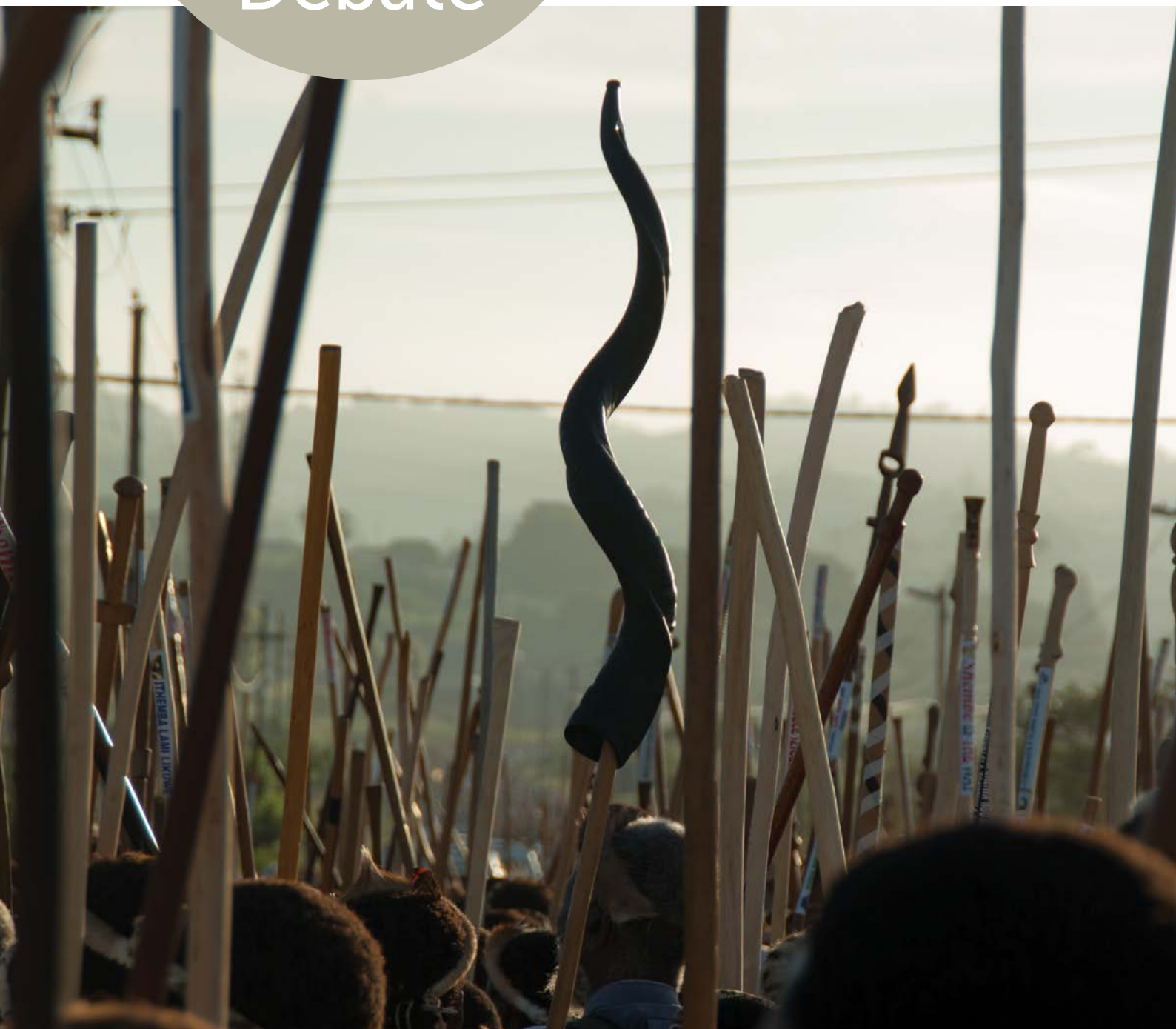
The interface between citizens and the state is complex, characterised at the same time by the managerial discourse of the so-called developmental state and much more militant processes of confrontation.

This poses a major challenge to those trying to support empowering encounters between poor people and the civil servants who claim to act in their name. A key question for Mogaladi is how to maximise the impact of research on policy; therefore it is essential that research findings resonate with current debates, and if possible offer solutions to current social problems. This also feeds into Mogaladi's questions about how best to use research learning to engage 'civil society', how to define concepts like 'civil society' and 'community', and about the role of a research institute in engaging civil society. Making research findings available to support NGO tactics and strategies is extremely challenging, given the currently weak and fragmented NGO sector — which is often unable to engage effectively with research findings. Mogaladi believes it is necessary for PLAAS to explore and experiment with new types of civil society engagement.

Key achievements and significant publications, 2008-2011

1. Mitlin D and Mogaladi J (2010) 'Social movements and the struggle for shelter: A case study of Durban,' *Working Paper*. Institute of Development Policy and Management, University of Manchester: Manchester.
2. South Africa-Netherlands Partnership in Research (SANPAD) 'Pop Idols' award pre-doctoral candidates who participated in the year-long research.
3. Member of Human Rights and Extreme Poverty Project network (HUREP), University of Oslo.

3. Promoting a Culture of Public Debate





Participating in public debate is an important part of our mission and we have a seventeen-year track record of supporting public engagement and informed debate around land, poverty, and marginalised livelihoods. At present, this work is greatly supported by generous project funding from The Atlantic Philanthropies. Our policy engagement and research communication strategy focuses on a range of objectives:

1. We seek to improve the quality and impact of interventions in public space through practical and strategic support, including collaboration with the media and public dialogues.
2. We aim to enhance our own researchers' capacity to engage with policy processes by critically challenging conventional approaches to the research–policy–practice relationship, theorising the process of policy engagement, and creating spaces for learning-by-doing.
3. Policy engagement activities also seek to inform PLAAS's research agenda, bringing researchers together to consider emergent policy challenges, identifying the research questions flowing from them and designing research projects that can answer these questions in ways that are useful to practitioners and policymakers in South and Southern Africa and beyond.

We have a reputation for hosting vibrant and relevant public events, including our active seminar series which hosts top practitioners, researchers and academics to share and reflect on their work.

Our policy engagement and information officers play a key role in this strategy, and play an important role in sharpening our understanding of the strategies and technologies at our disposal in policy engagement and research dissemination. In the last three years, they have helped PLAAS move much more decisively into using the internet and social media. Our webpage at www.plaas.org.za keeps the public up-to-date with our work and our presence on Twitter (@PLAASuwc) and Facebook (<http://on.fb.me/plaasuwc>) amplifies our work, raises our profile and builds new avenues for engagement.

Obiozo Ukpabi



*Policy Dialogue
Researcher*

Bringing experts and practitioners together to share their experiences of policy engagement not only strengthens PLAAS strategies and learning but also its fundamental and theoretical understanding of policy dialogue.

Obiozo Ukpabi has an MA in Economic and Social History from the University of Amsterdam and an MPhil in Justice and Transformation from the University of Cape Town. She joined PLAAS in July 2008 as part of the *Connecting Research and Policy Making on Land, Fisheries and Poverty in South Africa* programme; she now coordinates policy engagement across all PLAAS research programmes, and oversees the information and communications work. Working closely with PLAAS researchers and the knowledge worker team, Ukpabi provides in-house support for policy engagement and research dissemination to key audiences or research 'users'. She has spearheaded initiatives to bring together researchers, policy makers, academics, NGO and CBO workers.

Dialogue events that she co-ordinated include conferences, film screenings, public debates, colloquiums and the regular PLAAS seminar programme. Since 2011 the PLAAS seminar programme includes a focus on policy engagement, aiming to bring in perspectives from a wide range of actors who work on the policy, research and practise interface. By bringing experts and practitioners together to share their experiences of policy engagement Ukpabi aims to help strengthen not only PLAAS strategies and learning, but also its fundamental and theoretical understanding of policy dialogue.

Ukpabi launched and managed contributions to the PLAAS blog, (www.plaas.org.za/blog) and has co-ordinated press coverage of various PLAAS research outputs, and media liaison and training for researchers. In addition to the above work, Ukpabi facilitates internal and outwardly oriented processes aimed at informing and shaping PLAAS's evolving research agenda by bringing researchers together to consider emergent policy challenges, identify research questions flowing from these challenges, and design research projects to tackle these questions in ways that are useful to practitioners and policymakers in South Africa, southern Africa and beyond.

When working to encourage research uptake in policy processes, tension sometimes exists between the perceived role of academic institutions, and what PLAAS actually does as a use-inspired basic research organisation. Because its approach to research and policy engagement is fundamentally different from most advocacy and non-profit organisations, PLAAS puts careful thought into establishing partnerships and collaborations that work. Becoming more aware of the different types of uses of research for policy engagement by civil society organisations is one

aspect of how PLAAS aims to deepen its impact on the interactions that shape both research and policy.

Since 2009, Ukpabi has been driving a process of internal reflection and learning-by-doing of the practice of policy engagement. More recently, Ukpabi has increasingly shifted her focus from an emphasis on practical interventions and event organising to deepening researchers' understanding of how the workings of policy dialogue is informed by much more than just effective supply of 'research evidence' to 'policy questions'. Her mission is to build within researchers' policy engagement practice greater awareness of the interests, values, ideologies, and other messy dimensions of human relationships, and how these shape the way research is done, how policy is made, and the relationships between these two realms. In addition, Ukpabi seeks to complement this process of learning-by-doing by exploring new and innovative conceptual tools for how to think about the connections between research and policy. A key aspect of this process is to share lessons of experience and practice with other researchers and role players who work in the connections between research and policy, including policy and research entrepreneurs, social change advocates, engaged scholars, research communicators and knowledge brokers.

Ukpabi's work will provide a framework for a more effective, innovative and reflective learning process to increase the impact of policy engagement. The overall objective of her work is to promote effective policies for poverty and inequality reduction and realising socio-economic rights in South Africa, by enhancing the use of insights from practice and research to inform policy debate and development.

Key achievements and significant publications, 2008–2011

1. Ukpabi O (2011) 'Let's transform the debate on land reform,' *Another Countryside*, 19 July 2011
2. Conference and conference report: *Overcoming Inequality and Structural Poverty in South Africa: Towards Inclusive Growth and Development*. Birchwood Hotel, Boksburg, 20–22 September 2010.
3. Public Dialogue: *Beyond Populism or Paralysis: A Real Debate on South Africa's Land Reform Trajectory*, 24 October 2011.
4. Conceptualised, planned and facilitated a *Rural Development Think Tank*. The Airport Grand Hotel, Johannesburg, 13 August 2009 in collaboration with Phuhlisani Solutions and the Department of Rural Development and Land Reform.

Rebecca Pointer



*Information and
Communications
Officer*

There is an unprecedented boom in the amount of information available to readers, but far from leading to information overload and meltdown, we see many readers engaging with and interrogating information as they never have before.

Rebecca Pointer joined PLAAS in August 2010; she has seventeen years' experience in NGO and research communications, including knowledge translation, publishing, web-based dissemination, radio production, media liaison and event rapporteuring. Since joining PLAAS she has developed and begun implementing a new communications strategy that brings together publications work, the internet, social media and live event reporting to reach existing and new audiences. However, social media processes are new to all organisations, so implementing them at PLAAS is also a learning opportunity, which will be evaluated on an on-going basis. Within PLAAS, she has also tried to improve communication between staff about on-going activities, encouraged researchers to better engage with communication processes, and through email alerts fed researchers with the latest news and research in their respective fields.

The external aim of the communications strategy is to create dialogue in civil society based on quality research, share our work with others in the field and, where appropriate, impact on policy — either through direct engagement with policy makers, or indirectly supporting civil society voices in advocating for policy change. Internally, her work also focuses on facilitating the flow of information between researchers and enhancing knowledge-sharing.

With the growing enhancements of information and communication technologies (ICTs), and people increasingly seeking out electronic information sources, enhancing our ICT outputs has become essential. Even when many do not have internet access, there is a growing mass of people who are finding new ways to access these electronic resources — specifically through mobile

technologies on social networking sites. It is vital that PLAAS carve out its own space in this environment and make its own knowledge resources available in ICT and mobile-accessible formats.

Pointer explains that developments like Open Access Journals allow readers to go direct from news items by media intermediaries to the research, to unpack and analyse it for themselves.

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With her strong background in NGO and research communications, Pointer is enthusiastically taking PLAAS forward into these new terrains.

Most significant publications, 2010–2011

1. Pointer R (2011) 'Impossible to tackle rural transformation and land reform separately in South Africa,' *Another Countryside*, 16 February 2011.
2. Pointer R (2011) 'Great potential of Zimbabwe land reform limited by violent state?,' *Another Countryside*, 23 March 2011.
3. Pointer R (2011) 'Can Africa develop a regional response to 'resource grabbing'?', *Another Countryside*, 26 July 2011.
4. Pointer R (2010) 'Short term delivery of social safety nets essential while tackling long term structural transformation to overcome inequality and poverty in South Africa,' *Another Countryside*, 21 September 2010.

Margie Cunnamma



Librarian

PLAAS has a wealth of diverse knowledge resources, and part of the organisation's challenge is to make this knowledge readily available to many audiences.

Joining PLAAS in September 2011, Margie Cunnama added extensive librarian skills to the PLAAS bouquet of information services, with her Higher Diploma in Library Science from the University of Natal. She has previously worked in libraries in a number of contexts, including: School Librarian at St John's Diocese for Girls in Pietermaritzburg; Librarian and Teacher (English, English as a Second Language and Computer Literacy) at Tembalethu Community Education Centre in Pietermaritzburg; and Librarian and Lecturer at ML Sultan Technikon in Durban.

Our resource centre has been without a rudder for some time, so Cunnama's initial work has involved cataloguing 2010 and 2011 acquisitions, liaising with university library systems and the UWC research repository, and archiving older materials. In 2012 she will be taking forward our information services by connecting with relevant non-governmental organisations and civil society organisations, other research units and relevant policy bodies to collect and

house materials produced by them in our areas of interest. Her vision is to make the PLAAS resource centre a special collection of note in the fields of land, agrarian transformation, fisheries, poverty and livelihoods. The resource centre already houses a significant collection, and in 2012 Cunnama will be working to set up systems to make the collection more accessible, including by making the catalogue available on the PLAAS website. Cunnama says:

Library services are absolutely indispensable to effective research – in the information age, the librarian's role is to gather and catalogue relevant work and make it electronically available in accessible ways. PLAAS has a wealth of diverse knowledge resources, and part of the organisation's challenge is to make this knowledge readily available to many audiences.

In addition to managing the PLAAS Resource Centre, Cunnama maintains PLAAS databases and liaises with other record-keeping services at the university.

4. The DST/ NRF Chair in Poverty, Land and Agrarian Studies, 2010–2011



As DST/NRF Research Chair, Prof Ben Cousins has initiated a five-year research programme on *Land Reform, Food Systems and Agrarian Change in South Africa* and established a Research Group of twelve post-graduate students and post-doctoral fellows. The group seeks to answer:

- i. What processes of socio-economic change, underway in the South African countryside, are likely to influence the outcomes and impacts of land and agrarian reform?
- ii. What are the impacts of land and agrarian reform policies and programmes on agricultural productivity, agrarian structure and rural poverty?

Research is taking place in three key contexts:

- i. large scale commercial farming, which dominates South African agriculture at present;
- ii. emerging successful small-to-medium-scale black farmers in communal areas, on private land and in land reform projects; and
- iii. rural households in commercial farming districts and communal areas living in chronic poverty.

The five-fold overall objectives of the programme are to:

- i. conduct rigorous field-based research that produces theoretically informed and empirically grounded insights into complex and dynamic social realities;
- ii. develop recommendations for policy makers and programme managers from government, civil society and the private sector;
- iii. communicate research findings and policy recommendations to relevant decision-makers;
- iv. publish research findings in internationally recognised and peer-reviewed publication formats; and
- v. contribute to international scholarship.

The following projects are under way at present:

Research Chair

- Smallholder farming in Tugela Ferry Irrigation Scheme, Msinga, KwaZulu-Natal.

Post-doctoral fellow

- **Laura Evans:** Agri-villages for farm workers: How, what and for whom?

PhD students

- **Nerhene Davis:** Great expectations for strategic partnerships and agrarian reform in Limpopo: Actors, process and outcome
- **Donna Hornby:** Social differentiation and class dynamics in the Commercial Land Reform Farmer Support Programme in KwaZulu-Natal
- **Tshililo Manenzhe:** Strategic Partnerships in the Levubu Valley: Agrarian change and the fate of farm workers
- **Farai Mtero:** Smallholders and social differentiation in the Massive Food Production Programme, Eastern Cape
- **Pauline Stanford:** Agro-food commodity chains, scale of production and the sustainability of commercial farming in KwaSani District, KwaZulu-Natal.

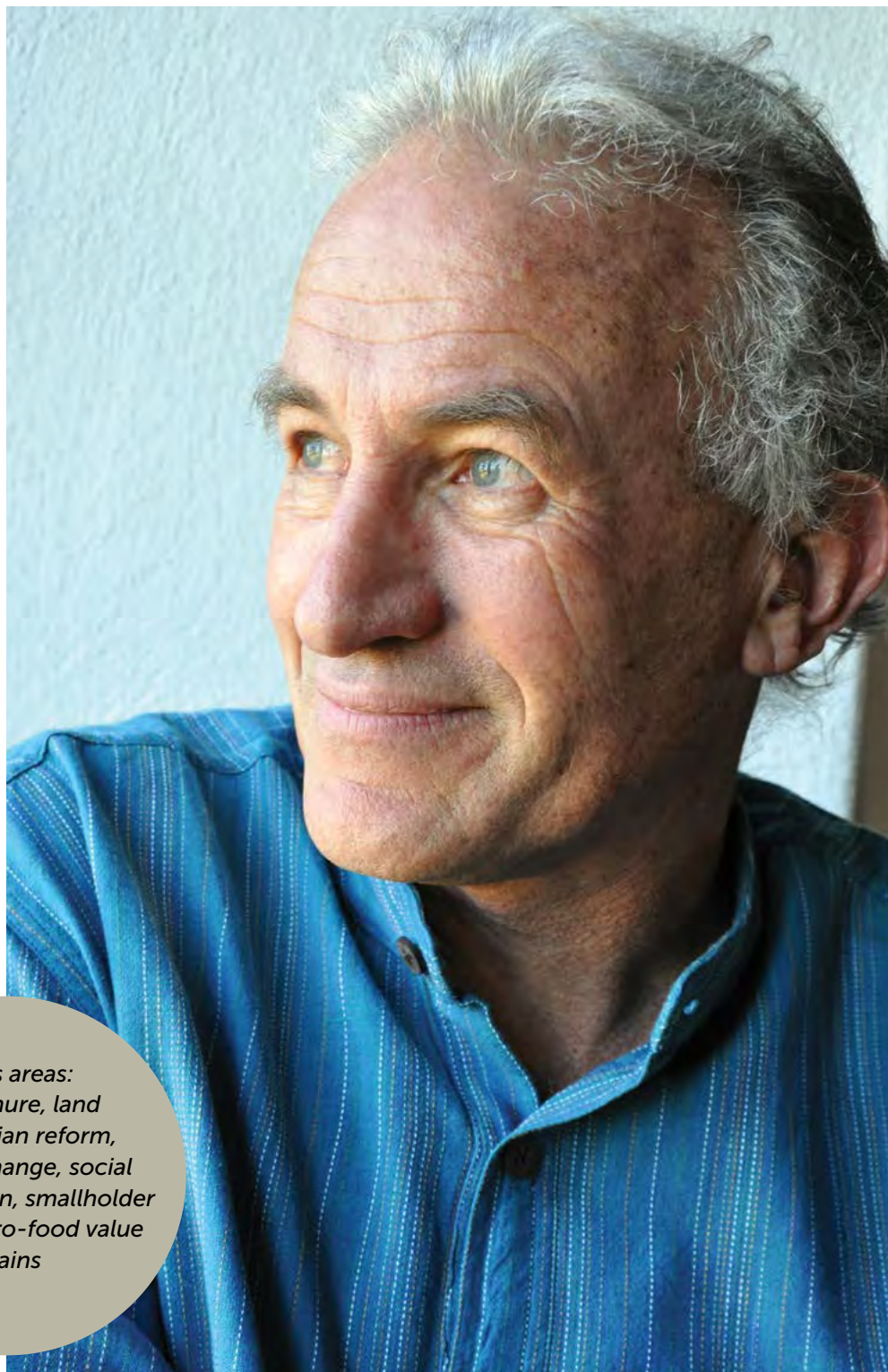
MPhil students, full thesis

- **Alex Dubb:** Smallholder out-grower schemes in the sugar sector in KwaZulu-Natal
- **Amelia Genis:** Uncertain expectations: Commercial farmers in South Africa in an era of rapid social, political and economic change
- **Marc Lewis:** Small-scale food production projects in Johannesburg: Lessons for food security and sustainable farming in urban South Africa.

MPhil students, mini-thesis with coursework

- **Thoko Buthelezi:** Sustainability and pro-poor value chain governance in Tugela Ferry Irrigation Scheme, Msinga, KwaZulu-Natal
- **Nonhlanzeko Mthembu:** Farming systems in ex-labour tenant communities in KwaZulu-Natal
- **Thulisile Msomi:** Smallholder organic farming for supermarkets: the case of the Ezemvelo Farmer's Co-operative.

Prof Ben Cousins



*Focus areas:
Land tenure, land
and agrarian reform,
agrarian change, social
differentiation, smallholder
farming, agro-food value
chains*

There is very little recent empirical research on the conditions for success of smallholders in South Africa today, and policies and support programmes are often premised on inappropriate assumptions about the nature of small-scale agriculture.

Prof Ben Cousins holds a DPhil in applied social science from the University of Zimbabwe (1997), and a BA in Sociology and Geography from the University of South Africa (1982). He established PLAAS in 1995, was its Director until 2009, and currently holds a DST/NRF Research Chair in Poverty, Land and Agrarian Studies. He worked in agricultural training and extension in Swaziland (1976–1983) and Zimbabwe (1983–1986), and has carried out research on rural social dynamics in Zimbabwe (1986–1991) and South Africa (1991–2011). He lectured in Anthropology at the University of the Western Cape between 1991 and 1995, and is currently rated by the National Research Foundation as a researcher who 'enjoys considerable international recognition for the high quality and impact of his recent research outputs' (B1).

In 2008 he was awarded the UWC *Deputy Vice Chancellor (DVC)'s Prize for Research* in the Humanities and Social Sciences. In 2010 he was awarded the DVC's book prize for Best Edited Volume by a UWC staff member published in 2008/9 for *Land, Power and Custom: Controversies Generated by South Africa's Communal Land Rights Act*. He also won the prize for Best Researcher in the Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences.

Prof Cousins' main research interests are the politics of land and agrarian reform, agrarian change and the political economy of rural development. He seeks to be an 'engaged scholar'. In the 1990s he worked closely with government in developing aspects of land reform policy, and he often engages in debates around policy questions in the media and other public spaces. He collaborated with civil society groups in a successful legal challenge to the Communal Land Rights Act of 2004.

Recently Prof Cousins acted as research advisor for an NGO undertaking action-research on tenure reform in Msinga district, KwaZulu-Natal. Over the past four years he co-ordinated a three-country study on livelihoods after land reform in South Africa, Namibia and Zimbabwe.

Prof Cousins is currently investigating prospects for 'agricultural accumulation from below' by smallholder irrigation farmers in Msinga. He explains the wider significance of this research:

Government's New Growth Path policy framework seeks to create 30 000 smallholder opportunities by 2010. But there is very little recent empirical research on the conditions for success of smallholders in South Africa today, and policies and support programmes are often premised on inappropriate assumptions about the nature of small-scale agriculture.

With other members of the Research Group established under Prof Cousins' DST/NRF Research Chair, he seeks to explore the social differentiation of smallholder farmers and understand the political economy dimensions of the 'land question' in contemporary South Africa.

Most significant publications, 2008–2011

1. Cousins B and Scoones I (2010) 'Contested paradigms of "viability" in redistributive land reform: Perspectives from southern Africa,' *Journal of Peasant Studies* 37(1): 31–66.
2. Cousins B (2009) 'More than socially embedded: The distinctive character of "communal tenure" regimes in South Africa and its implications for land policy,' in Makamure BB, Manjengwa JM and Anstey S (eds), *Beyond Proprietorship: Murphree's Laws in Community Based Natural Resource Management in Southern Africa*. Harare: Weaver Press.
3. Cousins B (2009) 'Capitalism obscured: The limits of law and rights-based approaches to poverty reduction and development,' *Journal of Peasant Studies* 36(4): 893–908.
4. Claassens A and Cousins B (eds) (2008) *Land, Power and Custom: Controversies Generated by South Africa's Communal Land Rights Act*. Cape Town: UCT Press and Columbus: Ohio University Press, 2008.

5. The Postgraduate Teaching Programme





The unique programme of postgraduate study at PLAAS draws on academic expertise from the University of the Western Cape and the Legal Resources Centre. The postgraduate teaching programme was initiated in 2001 to enhance the capacity of government and civil society organisations to develop and implement policies and programmes of land and agrarian reform that seek to achieve both redistribution of productive assets and sustainable development. The specific objective is to develop appropriate knowledge and skills to enable policy makers, planners, managers, researchers and fieldworkers to:

- conceptualise key land and agrarian reform policy issues;
- analyse problems of policy formulation and programme design;
- plan effective programmes and projects; and
- undertake research on important questions of policy and practice.

For the last ten years, PLAAS postgraduate degrees and diplomas have provided a solid focus on the political economy of land and agrarian reform in South Africa. PLAAS received funding from the Belgian/South African Study and Consultancy Fund, through the Department of National Treasury to conduct an external review to refocus and develop a more sustainable approach to marketing. The Teaching Programme was reviewed by Prof Henry Beinstein and Dr Stephen Turner in 2011; their objectives were to:

- assess the impact of the teaching programme on former and current students and their areas of work; and
- critically review the modules of the teaching programme and make proposals for new modules to be incorporated in the teaching programme.

The external review suggested that PLAAS:

- expand the taught content of the Masters programme but reinforce the content of modules required at Diploma level;
- redesign the curriculum to offer greater depth, breadth and contemporary regional relevance in this field; and
- rebuild the programme to cater explicitly to southern Africa as a whole.

The PLAAS teaching programme facilitates an interactive approach to learning through small group discussions, debates,

and structured exercises as well as reading and writing assignments. These methods are aimed at developing students' abilities to problem-solve creatively, and to think critically and independently. It is a specialised course, only offered by PLAAS with no undergraduate degrees. Admission is based on recognition of prior learning, undergraduate studies or equivalent in a relevant discipline — e.g. Sociology, History, Economics, Political Science, Agriculture, Geographical and Environmental Studies — and a demonstrated interest in land reform issues. Given our multi-disciplinary teaching programme and the diverse backgrounds of our students, PLAAS introduced academic writing workshops and developed guidelines on formulating concept notes, abstracts, and research proposals. Our target is to increase our throughput rates for the post-graduate structured coursework programme by 10% and for senior research students by 5% annually. PLAAS has improved the selection criteria and most postgraduate diploma students — if they achieve an average 65% in all modules, conceptualise and present a good concept note for their research — are recommended to the Faculty of Higher Degrees to proceed to the MPhil mini-thesis.

Goals and aims for the Teaching Programme for the next five years

Based on the external review recommendations and Higher Education Qualification Framework alignment, the

Teaching Programme will implement the following changes in the next five years:

1. Separate the Post-graduate diploma and Masters programme.
2. Restructure the curriculum for the Post graduate diploma and Masters programme.
3. Rename PLAAS teaching programme to Poverty, Land and Agrarian Studies.
4. Focus on core modules of
 - Poverty, Marginality and Rural De-agrarianisation and Marginal Livelihoods in Southern Africa;
 - Political Economy of Land and Agrarian Reform in Southern Africa;
 - Economics, Farming and Food Security;
 - Social Dimensions of Ecosystems Management; and
 - Research Methodology for Masters students.
5. Increase our number of students, improve the quality, standards, efficiency and outputs of the post-graduate programme.

Staffing



Carla Henry

Senior Administrator: Postgraduate Programme

Carla Henry joined PLAAS in 2007 as a Programme Administrator and was promoted to Senior Administrator in 2010. Working closely with Dr Moenieba Isaacs, Programme Coordinator and Prof Ben Cousins NRF Chair, Henry undertakes administration of all aspects of the postgraduate programme, including interacting with students and the general public, liaising with academics and performing general administrative duties such as maintaining student records and database. She also forms an integral part of the strategic direction of the Teaching programme. As the PLAAS representative in the EMS Faculty, she deals with all Faculty-related matters. Henry also assists the NRF Research Chair of Poverty, Land and Agrarian Studies, Prof Cousins with his student registrations, payments, workshops, etc.



Dr Moenieba Isaacs

Programme Coordinator and Senior Lecturer

Dr Moenieba Isaacs has been the Programme Coordinator since 2007 and works closely with the Senior Administrator, Carla Henry. Besides research, teaching and supervision of students, she also manages the teaching programme. Key areas performed with Carla Henry include: student registration, teaching block preparations, graduations, thesis submissions, marks administration, selections, and moderation and examination. They also prepare and attend the Faculty Higher Degrees Committee meetings, Faculty Board meetings and Faculty Administration Forum meetings. Programme marketing and advertising is also pursued through the PLAAS website, newspapers, students and PLAAS networks. Currently, with Carla Henry, Dr Isaacs is fundraising for student bursaries and institutional costs, reporting on finances and administering bursaries.

Programme Results

The Postgraduate Diploma in Land and Agrarian Studies programme offers six modules, each worth 20 National Qualifications Framework credits, amounting to 120 credits. The modules are:

- **LAS 701:** The History of the Land Question in South Africa
- **LAS 702:** The Agrarian Question in Southern Africa
- **LAS 703:** Land and Agrarian Reform in Contemporary Africa
- **LAS 704:** Economics of Agrarian Systems
- **LAS 706:** Development, Planning and Sustainable Rural Livelihoods
- **LAS 707:** Sustainable Natural Resource Management in Land and Agrarian Reform
- **LAS 708:** Legal and Socio-legal Dimensions of Land and Agrarian Reform

The MPhil in Land and Agrarian Studies programme consists of the six taught modules and mini-thesis worth 60 NQF credits.

The following researchers convene their respective modules:

- Prof Ben Cousins
- Dr Moenieba Isaacs
- Dr Ruth Hall
- Dr Michael Aliber
- Dr Crystal Jannecke
- Mr Kobus Pienaar
- Mr Henk Smith

Prior to his death, Kobus Pienaar also taught the module LAS 708.

Registrations & graduations

The tables below reflect the number of registrations and graduations for 2008 to 2011.

The Postgraduate Diploma throughput rate has improved slowly from 33% in 2003 to 70% in 2010 and the average for the past 10 years is at 54%. The MPhil Coursework progress was initially slow from 30% in 2003 to 51% in 2010 and PLAAS research throughput has improved over the past 10 years with MPhil Research at 42% and PhDs at 50%.

Table 1: Registrations

Year	PG Diploma	MPhil coursework	MPhil research	PhD
2008	8	8	1	2
2009	17	6	0	2
2010	16	8	4	4
2011	13	5	0	1
TOTAL	54	27	5	9

Table 2: Graduations

Year	PG Diploma	MPhil Coursework	MPhil Research	PhD
2008	5	3	1	0
2009	5	4	3	3
2010	11	5	0	1
2011	14	2	0	1
TOTAL	35	16	4	5



Class of 2008 with Prof Ben Cousins and Ms Carla Henry.



Class of 2010 with Prof Andries du Toit, Dr Moenieba Isaacs and Ms Carla Henry.



Class of 2011 with Dr Moenieba Isaacs.

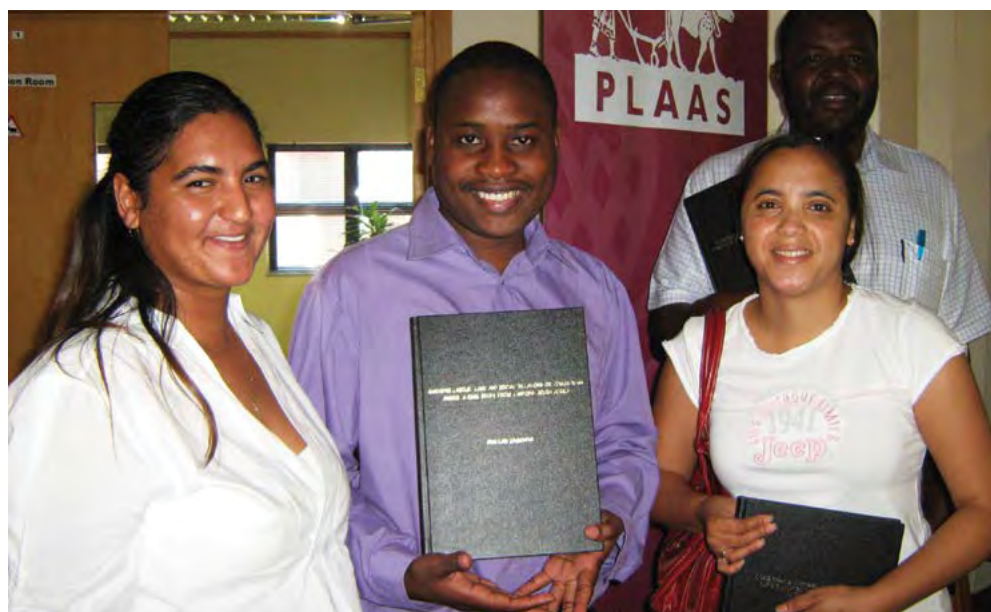
Theses completed, 2008–2011

PLAAS is proud to announce many successes with Masters and PhD students. The below table reflects the students, supervisors and thesis titles of those who have graduated for 2008 until 2011. The MPhil Coursework outputs are 3

students graduating in 2008, 6 graduating in 2009, 5 graduating in 2010, and 2 in 2011. Three MPhil students, Philani Zamchiya, Douglas Magunda and Susan Tilley graduated *Cum Laude*.

Table 3: MPhil Coursework in Land and Agrarian Studies Programme

Student	Supervisor	Year graduated	Mini-thesis title
Simbarashe Chereni	Dr Michael Aliber	2010	Smallholder farmers' responses to changes in the farming environment in Gokwe-Kabiyuni, Zimbabwe
Tracey-Lee Dennis	Dr Moenieba Isaacs	2010	Perceptions of history and policy in the Cape Agulhas area: Could history influence small-scale fisheries policy?
Panduleni Hamukwaya	Dr Mafaniso Hara	2008	Environmental criteria analysis can contribute to sustainable local level land use planning: Linyati/Katima Mulilo Rural/Kabbe Constituencies, Caprivi Region, Namibia
Douglas Magunda	Prof Andries Du Toit	2008 <i>Cum laude</i>	Surviving in a socio-economic crisis: Strategies of low income urban households in Dzivaresekwa: Zimbabwe
Nomakholwa Makaluza	Prof Ben Cousins	2009	Capacity building for the integration of environmental planning into land reform: Assessment of a national training programme
Tomas Manhicané	Prof Edward Lahiff / Mr David Neves	2009	Informal land markets in rural Mozambique: The case of Mogovals District in Nampula Province
Tendai Mugara	Prof Edward Lahiff	2008	The role of social networks in farm production in Zimbabwe's resettlement programme: The case study of an A1 model scheme in Murewa District
Ndjinyo Fouda Ndikintum	Dr Michael Aliber	2009	The role of indigenous innovation in poverty reduction and conflict management: Is night paddock manuring a solution to poverty and conflict amongst farmers and grazers in Babanki (Cameroon)?
Rutendo Nhongonhemna	Ms Barbara Tapela	2010	A gender-sensitive analysis of farmers' perceptions on conservation farming technologies: Case study of Mwenezi District in Masvingo Province, Zimbabwe
Lubabalo Ntsholo	Prof Ben Cousins	2010	Land dispossession and option for restitution and development: A case study of the Moletete land claim in the Marulaneng area of Limpopo
Esmerelda Reid	Dr Mafaniso Hara	2009	The factors hindering development on land allocated through restitution in the Western Cape: The cases of Tramway Road and Dysselsdorp
Mpfariseni Thagwana	Dr Michael Aliber	2010	Understanding the reasons and livelihood implications of women's increased participation in production-related activities at Tshiombo Irrigation Scheme, Limpopo Province
Phillan Zamchiya	Dr Ruth Hall	2009 <i>Cum laude</i>	Changing labour, land and social relations on commercial farms: A case study from Limpopo, South Africa
Nqobile Zulu	Dr Frank Matose	2009	Local perceptions of fast track resettlement in Umguza Resettlement Scheme
Richmond Ncube	Dr Moenieba Isaacs	2011	Tenure rights and poverty reduction in Mafela Resettlement Community (Matobo District, Zimbabwe)
Karin Kleinbooi	Prof Ben Cousins	2011	Gendered land rights in the rural areas of Namaqualand: A study of women's perceptions and understanding



Carla Henry with 2009
Graduates Phillan Zamchiya,
Esmerelda Reid and Nelson
Marongwe.

Table 4: MPhil Research in Land and Agrarian Studies

Student	Supervisor	Year graduated	Thesis title
Sandra Kruger	Prof Andries Du Toit	2009	Fairtrade labeling and worker empowerment on two wine and fruit farms in the Western Cape
Kudakwashe Manganga	Dr Frank Matose	2008	An agrarian history of the Mwenezi District, Zimbabwe, 1960–2004
Thokozile Masangu	Prof Ben Cousins	2009	Water allocation reform, equity and poverty alleviation in South Africa: An exploratory study of the Letaba Catchment
Susan Tilley	Prof Ben Cousins	2009 <i>Cum laude</i>	Idealised land markers and real needs: The experience of landless people seeking land in the Northern and Western Cape through the market-based land reform programme

Table 5: PhD Programme

Student	Supervisor	Year graduated	Thesis title
Nelson Marongwe	Prof Ben Cousins	2009	Interrogating Zimbabwe's fast track land reform and re-settlement programme: A focus on beneficiary selection
Friday Njaya	Dr Mafaniso Hara	2009	Lake Chilwa household strategies in response to water level changes: Migration and co-management
Elizabeth Rihoy	Prof Ben Cousins	2010	Political processes affecting devolution of natural resource management in South Africa
Webster Whande	Dr Frank Matose	2009	Framing biodiversity conservation discourse in South Africa: Emerging realities and conflicting agendas within the Great Limpopo Trans-Frontier Conservation Area
Pinimidzai Sithole	Dr Mafaniso Hara	2011	A comparative study of rural water governance in the Limpopo Basin



Nelson Marongwe graduated with his PhD in 2009 and Prof Ben Cousins.



Dr Moenieba Isaacs with MPhil graduate, Richmond Ncube.



Graduating with a PhD, Dr Pinimidzai Sithole (left), and two MPhil graduates Richmond Ncube (centre) and PLAAS Researcher Karin Kleinboo (right), September 2011.

Bursaries

The Belgian government has been funding the students through the representation of the Belgian Development Agency (BTC) since 2005 for tuition fees, travel and subsistence costs and fieldwork costs. With the support of the Belgian government, PLAAS is able to achieve its training and scholarship objectives. These bursaries have made a tremendous contribution to the study of land and agrarian issues in Africa. The funding has supported the studies of a range of students who are actively involved in government, local and international development organisations and civil society organisations focusing on land issues. The BTC has also provided 20% of the funding for institutional costs. PLAAS would like to thank the Belgian government and the representatives of the BTC for their continuous and invaluable support to our students and to the programme.

The year 2011 marked a huge milestone for the teaching programme as we celebrated ten years of teaching at PLAAS. As part of student development, the programme has arranged academic writing workshops with the Division for Postgraduate Studies (DfPS) at UWC and library training to assist students in their academic writing and research skills. Students have also utilised the referencing tool, Turn-It-In to aid with their referencing techniques.

Student feedback

After each module an evaluation takes place, the Programme Coordinator assesses the student feedback and implements improvements where necessary.

Some student comments are shown below:

‘From an agricultural-centred background, I was introduced and allowed to think /perceive many issues around land reform and agrarian studies in a more open minded manner. I can think critically and link debates across a range of spheres and dimensions. My writing and reading as well as presentation skills have been pushed to the limit and I have learnt my weak and strong points.’

‘The lecturers are very welcoming and make us do better in courses.’

‘Excellent, the teachers are all experts in their field, with both academic and fieldwork experience. It provided for theoretical learning as well as application. The course is also very intensive and requires lots of reading and analysis, as well as constant commitment.’

‘Excellent, the course touches the very essence of people’s lives in southern Africa and the world, which do not necessarily fit in any of the conventional disciplines.’



6. PLAAS Support Team

None of PLAAS's work would be possible without the incredible support team taking care of administration, finances, human resources, student liaison, event co-ordination, travel arrangements. The support staff oversee the smooth running of day-to-day operations and ensure that the details are taken care of.



Admin Staff



Ursula Arends

Administrative Manager

Heading up the administrative section, Ursula Arends has been part of the PLAAS team for the past fourteen years, initially as Senior Projects Administrator and subsequently as Administrative Manager. She oversees and co-ordinates all activities in the 'front-of-house', supervising the reception area and other PLAAS administrative work. In addition to this oversight role, Arends also performs a range of management functions as a member of the PLAAS Management Team, and as secretary to the PLAAS Advisory Board. Arends is the administrative interface with the university and handles all PLAAS's Human Resources work. Arends has maximised her association and close connectivity with the content of PLAAS, to the extent that she completed a Masters in Development Studies, with her thesis focusing on rural women's access to land and natural resources in South Africa's communal areas. She is deeply concerned about issues of gender and poverty alleviation, both in the urban and rural sectors of this country.



Tersia Warries

Senior Administrator: Events Management

Tersia Warries' association with PLAAS started in February 2007 as part-time Projects Administrator, and she was eventually promoted to Senior Administrator: Events Management. PLAAS events are numerous — workshops, public debates, book launches, seminars, colloquiums, conferences, etc — and often several events are happening at the same time or within the same week. Staying on top of all the scheduled events and ensuring the smooth running of those events is efficiently handled by Warries. From booking venues accommodation, caterers and flights; to making sure working equipment is available at the venues; information is circulated timeously to participants; relevant publications, posters and displays are available at events; and that things run on time, all falls to her. Time and again, she has proved herself invaluable in making all PLAAS events a resounding success. She also provides management administrative support as required and currently functions as the organisational staff meeting minute secretary.



Meagan Frolick

Secretary and Receptionist

Meagan Frolick joined PLAAS in January 2011. With her nine years secretarial experience in academia, Frolick has added a high standard of professional secretarial support to the organisation, thereby enhancing administrative capacity at PLAAS. Her diverse work areas include overseeing student assistants and cleaning staff, telephonic reception, raising purchase orders, handling event catering, equipment and stationery orders and purchases, maintaining leave schedules, handling maintenance, office refurbishment and computer support requests, taking minutes at staff meetings, handling travel arrangements, visitor reception, and access cards for staff and visitors alike. She also provides administrative support when needed with tasks such as typing, postage, photocopying, and staff movement. Frolick handles all these tasks with impeccable professionalism and an untiring can-do attitude.

Finance Staff



Inge Cilliers

Financial Manager

Inge Cilliers joined PLAAS in June 2010 after 25 years in the corporate sector. Since then she has been of tremendous benefit to PLAAS: improving all our financial systems, passing her knowledge and experience to others in her department, implementing better ways to interact with the university finance systems, improving record-keeping, identifying and addressing forex risk — and implementing policies to manage this risk, preparing donor reports in forex and improving the flow of information to researchers about their individual research entities. With her immense experience in financial management, she has made financial planning more accurate and financial information about PLAAS more readily available. Soon she will be implementing record keeping on Pastel Evolution, which will help us generate more accurate, regular reports and so improve the flow of financial information in the organisation. She has also undertaken sundry projects for our faculty Dean; developed a training module for the School of Government; presented training to the Department of Treasury; and marked assessments for the Certificate of Competency on ratio analysis to evaluate municipal financial reports.



Donovan Delpaul

Finance Officer

Donovan Delpaul joined PLAAS in 2006 as an administrative assistant and was promoted to Finance Officer in December 2007. He holds a National Diploma in Internal Auditing from Cape Peninsula University of Technology. Assisting the Financial Manager, Delpaul co-ordinates with the university finance department, oversees purchase orders, manages organisational vehicles, ensures payments and monitors income, ensures accurate allocations to the general ledger, and archives financials.



Faith Qeja

Finance Officer

Faith Qeja, who originally joined PLAAS in October 2008, plays a key role in preparing donor financial reports, giving financial information about projects to researchers, organising overdrafts, allocating salaries from specific projects, and helping the Financial Manager with management reporting. She interacts with auditors and university finance staff, monitors income and generates invoices, and is currently assisting with PASTEL implementation. Qeja holds a Diploma in Financial Accounting from Varsity College, a Diploma in Basic Bookkeeping from Damelin Management School, and is currently pursuing her BCompt degree with UNISA.

7. Staff Who Shared the Journey



Dr Frank Matose

Senior Researcher

Dr Frank Matose joined PLAAS in January 2004. His main research focus was on commons governance in Southern Africa and the links between land issues, agriculture and environmental/conservation concerns. Dr Matose left to take up a post as Senior Lecturer in Sociology at UCT in 2008.



Dr Ritu Verma

Senior Researcher

Dr Ritu Verma joined PLAAS in January 2008 and focused her work on the gender, socio-cultural and political-ecological aspects of access, control and equitable rights over land and natural resources in southern and eastern Africa. Her research focus was women's access to land under customary law in Africa and she led the Securing Women's Access to Land (SWAL) project until leaving PLAAS in December 2009.



Phillan Zamchiya

Researcher

Phillan Zamchiya joined PLAAS in July 2006 as a Research Intern as part of the Policy Options for Land and Agrarian Reform (POLAR) project and the Belgian Government Scholarship Programme. He previously worked as a Research Intern at the Crisis in Zimbabwe Coalition (SA Office). He holds a BSc (Hons) degree in Politics and Administration from the University of Zimbabwe. He left PLAAS in September 2009 to pursue his PhD at Oxford University.



Themba Maluleke

Researcher

After joining PLAAS in July 2005, Themba Maluleke took part in several projects: looking at the role of 'black capital' in South African agriculture, the extent to which land reform led to secure livelihoods for recipients, and issues confronting communities living on transnational borders. He left PLAAS in December 2009.



Tshililo Manenzhe

Researcher

Tshililo Manenzhe joined PLAAS in July 2006 and participated in research in the 'Livelihoods after Land Reform Project'. In December 2008, he resigned from his post as Researcher based in Limpopo Province, to take up a post as Analyst/Content Advisor for the Portfolio Committee for Agriculture and Land Affairs in Parliament.



Shirhami Shirinda

Researcher

Shirhami Shirinda joined PLAAS as part-time researcher at the Limpopo office in July 2007, while also helping farm dwellers with farm eviction cases. He holds BA and LLB degrees from the University of Kwazulu-Natal and in May 2007 was admitted as an advocate to the High Court of South Africa. Shirinda was a farm dweller activist for eleven years and a Legal Officer at the Nkuzi Development Association Elim office. His research formed part of the farm-dwellers study, and the results form part of Shirinda's MA thesis at PLAAS which he plans to submit in 2011. He left PLAAS in December 2009.



Zanele Wayini

Research Assistant

Zanele Wayini has been associated with PLAAS since April 2009, primarily as Research Assistant on projects studying informal self-employment and money in the informal economy. She subsequently functioned as PLAAS Administrative Assistant during the latter part of 2010.



Sive Mxinwa

Administrative Assistant

Sive Mxinwa worked at PLAAS from April to December 2008, providing back-up and support in the PLAAS front-of-house area. He subsequently accepted an Internship at Old Mutual and relocated to Johannesburg.



Nolu Memani

Librarian

Nolu Memani served as part-time Librarian at PLAAS from January 2008 to May 2009. She managed the PLAAS Resource Centre, which houses a small specialist collection of materials and resources pertinent to the areas of study and research at PLAAS.



Genevieve Daries

Reception and Liaison Officer

Genevieve Daries was employed at PLAAS from January 2006 to December 2009, bringing a warm and welcoming presence to the front-of-house area. Her previous employment included a ten-year stint as Centre Administrator at the Novalis Ubuntu Institute. Daries left to become an Administrator at the Writing Centre at UWC.



Anthea Paries-Dreyer

Senior Finance Officer

Anthea Paries-Dreyer served as Senior Finance Officer from March 2008 to August 2009. She oversaw essential financial functions, including preparing for project audits, internal and external reports, and participating in budget preparation for funding proposals.



Louis Emmanuel

Senior Finance Officer

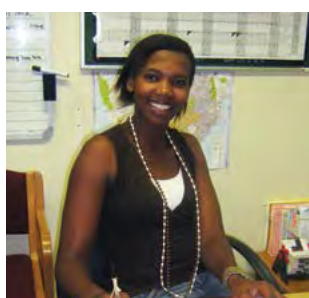
Louis Emmanuel fulfilled a one-year contract from May 2009 to May 2010 as Senior Finance Officer. He assumed responsibility for overseeing financial activity at PLAAS, including managing the core and endowment funds; preparing and submitting financial reports to external funders; and preparing for project audits.



Nazlie Jamie

Information Officer

From July 2007 to May 2010, Nazlie Jamie assumed responsibility for managing key information essential to the smooth functioning of PLAAS. Her primary areas of responsibility included managing the Resource Centre, marketing and distributing PLAAS publications, and managing and maintaining PLAAS websites and databases.



Nandipa Makatesi

Reception Officer

Nandipa Makatesi joined PLAAS in January 2009 as Administrative Assistant and was promoted to Reception Officer the following year from January–December 2010. Her duties included reception of calls and guests, providing administrative and logistical support to PLAAS staff and visitors, and general office maintenance. She left PLAAS to pursue fulltime studies.



8. Financial Report, 2008–2011

PLAAS has a 17-year track record of looking after its own financial sustainability, relying heavily on donor funding. In coming years, PLAAS will seek to fund itself through a mix of external donor funding and University funds. For the institute to develop as a research niche, University financial support for unfunded mandates — e.g. postgraduate supervision — from ring-fenced funds will better support our work and staff.

Fundraising and developing proposals is an on-going activity at PLAAS. A key to PLAAS's survival is developing proposals that are large (R3m or more), multi-year (24–60 months), cross-cutting (involving more than one PLAAS researcher), regional (involving more than one SADC country) and multidisciplinary (drawing in technical skills through partnerships and consortia). PLAAS supports fundraising by:

- holding an annual researcher retreat to revisit, assess and adjust our research and fundraising strategy and to support 'new product development';
- developing institutional memory and centralised resources to support researchers' proposal development;
- PLAAS leadership — the Director and the NRF chair — actively network and engage with donors and facilitate senior researcher access to donor networks; and
- PLAAS management working with the University in its efforts to develop effective forms of centralised fundraising support. PLAAS already has a well-developed strategy to raise donor funds. Donor funds will be supplemented by income from short courses, which will be developed alongside an overall training strategy in 2012

Consolidated Income and Expenditure Report 2008–2011

		2011 R	2010 R	2009 R	2008 R
Income	Note	14 590 990	14 242 753	14 370 578	12 434 134
Atlantic Philanthropies		1 210 578	993 065	927 831	975 649
Austrian Development Agency		-		2 106 769	-
Cape Institute for Agricultural Training (CIAT)		-		473 580	-
Centre for Chronic Poverty (CPRC) – University of Manchester		12 485	559 802	902 858	917 790
Chr. Michelsen Institute (CMI)		-		-	37 438
Cross Sectoral Commons Governance Southern Africa (CROSCOG)		-		193 082	
The Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC)		-		1 198 809	2 783 920
European Union (EU)		2 926 560	2 115 787		
FinMark Trust		-	195 513	39 200	-
Ford Foundation		1 824 105	903 250	-	460 876
Help Age International (USAID)		-	75 754		88 826
Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC)		-		-	842 448
Institut National De La Recherche Agronomique (INRA) – EPB Biosoc		-	2 026	81 784	92 458
Institute of Development Studies (IDS)		877 423	1 366 864		
International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED)		46 764	43 193		
Interchurch Organisation for Development Co-operation (ICCO)		262 125		83 209	-
International Development Research Centre (IDRC)		-	1 134 075	1 223 600	2 272 373
International Water Management Institute (IWMI)		-		256 028	-
Jaymat Enviro Solutions CC		-	90 000	90 000	-
Leibniz Institut für Meereswissenschaften an der Universität Kiel		-		22 136	-
London School of Economics and Political Science		-	81 891	316 393	-
Marine & Coastal Management (DEAT)		-		-	380 701
Norwegian Centre for Human Rights (NCHR)		-	-371 947	3 061 314	1 684 777
Norwegian People's Aid NPA		-	9 126	613 114	-
Other Income (Recovery of overhead and other expenses)		1 318 970	1 727 748	724 440	967 438
Oxford University		-			
Research Council of Norway (Povfish)		35 307		145 300	-
Research Council of Norway (Shadow of Conflict)		28 804	183 249	211 581	60 689
Rhodes University		1 664 080	31 920		
SA Government – Dept of Environmental Affairs and Tourism		-		47 000	-
SA Government – Dept of Agriculture		-84 703			
SA Government – Office of the Presidency (EU Funds)		41 172	674 043		
SA Government – National Research Foundation Chair	2	2 688 368	2 272 467		
South African Confederation of Agricultural Unions (SACAU)		-	120 000		
South Africa Netherlands Research Programme on Alternative Development (SANPAD)		-	204 650	185 500	-
Sundry Small Grants		260 097	322 995		
The Belgian Government		1 265 895	998 432	1 072 073	786 462
Trade and Industrial Policy Strategies (TIPS)		-		100 000	-
University of Colorado		121 917	303 349		
University of the Western Cape training subsidy	1	91 042	80 053	89 533	82 289
Volkswagen Foundation		-	125 449	205 443	-

		2011 R	2010 R	2009 R	2008 R
Expenditure	Note	14 532 972	14 117 255	13 185 347	14 188 491
Personnel Costs		4 868 949	4 709 164	6 236 689	8 190 653
Operational Costs	1	321 016	326 564	369 695	541 037
Staff Development		-		149 271	114 993
Organisational Support		1 276 767	1 622 463	415 447	653 684
Equipment		59 379	338 880	21 033	191 703
Research Costs		2 466 111	2 436 812	1 671 274	1 578 589
NRF Research Costs	2	1 913 660	1 453 677		
Teaching and Training	2	1 482 398	1 361 061	1 488 741	718 547
Resource Centre		9 113	3 959	33 818	153 397
Dissemination		322 564	279 376	860 176	1 075 120
Travel and Accommodation		1 813 014	1 585 300	1 939 203	970 767
Opening Balance at beginning of the year		5 569 654	5 387 176	3 749 952	5 163 136
Inter-entity transfers				133 059	-
Prior year adjustments		255 931	56 980	318 933	258 883
Net movements for the year		58 018	125 498	1 185 231	-1 754 357
Surplus for the year		5 883 604	5 569 654	5 387 176	3 667 663

Notes

1. Includes UWC funding as Operational expense in Total expenses. This relates to post graduate training. The expense amount is reflected as income.

2. Includes NRF Chair and Research Grant expenditure and refund from 2010.

9. Summary of Funded Projects, 2008–2011

From 2008–2011 PLAAS researchers undertook 27 different projects; large and small, examining urban and rural livelihoods in South and Southern Africa.



Chronic Poverty Research Centre (CPRC)

Donor: *UK Department for International Development (DfID) International Research Programme Consortium*

PLAAS continued its collaboration with the CPRC linking poverty researchers in the UK, South Africa, Uganda, India, Bangladesh, and other countries. This collaboration, which started in 2001, concluded in September 2010. PLAAS research in this project focused on deepening an understanding of the dynamics of social exclusion and adverse incorporation in the context of informality and marginality in the South African economy. A decade of CPRC-supported work culminated in an international conference on Overcoming Inequality and Structural Poverty in South Africa in Boksburg, Gauteng in September 2010. This high profile event sought to go beyond the limits and assumptions of mainstream poverty conferences by linking scholarly research to the lessons of experience, and bringing together activists, practitioners, policymakers and academics to consider what they could learn from one another.

The use and effectiveness of social grants in South Africa

Donor: *DfID and FinMark Trust*

This research project examines the effectiveness of social grants in South Africa. Framed by a detailed review of the scholarly literature on social grants, the project's empirical work integrates qualitative and quantitative inquiry. Researchers combined in-depth qualitative case studies with advanced quantitative propensity score-matching statistical techniques to examine how social grants are used, including the extent to which they support household investments and contribute to financial activities. The project commenced in March 2009 and concluded with a high profile launch of the report a year later. The research was led by David Neves, with the input of Andries du Toit (PLAAS), along with Michael Samson, Ingrid Van Niekerk and Sandile Hlatshwayo—all of the Economic Policy Research Unit.

Relational agency and sociality in the context of economic informality

Donor: *Economic and Social Research Council, UK*

This project was undertaken as part of a larger project, led by a London School of Economics (LSE)-based collaborator, entitled 'Investing, gambling and getting into debt: Popular economies between state and market in post-apartheid South Africa'. Framed by anthropological conceptions of

economy, the research examines self-employment among small-scale, survivalist African entrepreneurs. It examines how they constitute their economic agency and livelihoods, in the South African context of market modernity, fragmentary processes of formalisation and enduring economic inequality. The research devotes careful attention to the social micro-dynamics of informal self-employment and also the social networks and larger political economy within which it is embedded. Commencing in July 2009 the project terminated in Sept 2010, and involved David Neves with the assistance of Zanele Wayini.

Understanding informal self-employment: A qualitative-quantitative integrated study

Donor: *European Union*

Small-scale informal self-employment is an important yet poorly understood component of the livelihoods of impoverished South Africans. Policy responses to informality frequently reflect this dearth. This research project—conducted under the auspices of the Office of the Presidency Programme to Support Pro-Poor Policy Development (PSPPD)—aimed to remedy this deficit. The multi-site project focuses on the informally self-employed and various state-based actors; it examines informality and official responses to it. The empirical component of the project combines in-depth qualitative inquiry with statistical data—derived in relation to the National Income Dynamics Study (NIDS)—to understand better the conditions within and needs of the informal sector. The findings are being fed into a process of policy engagement. Commencing at the end of 2009 and running until March 2011, the project involved David Neves, Michael Aliber, Jan Mogaladi, Andries du Toit and Zanele Wayini.

Decentralised land reform in southern Africa – Land reform from below

Donor: *Austrian Development Agency*

This regional project—led by Ruth Hall and Karin Kleinbooi—conducted at regional level with a range of practitioners including civil society, academic and government-based individuals and institutions. The regional programme facilitates debate among practitioners, policy makers and scholars to raise a higher awareness and understanding of innovation and best practice in decentralised land reform in regional and national institutions dealing with land and rural development. In doing so it creates momentum for a learning programme and facilitates the sharing of experiences of decentralised land reform in the region. As such

the project promotes the recognition of good practice in policy and the implementation of community-led and locally mediated, pro-poor approaches and more appropriate and sustainable land use. The project started in October 2007 and ran until mid-2011.

Livelihoods after land reform: The poverty impacts of land redistribution in southern Africa

Donor: Economic and Social Research Council, United Kingdom

This multi-country comparative research project explored to what extent land redistribution in southern Africa is contributing to poverty reduction in rural areas where poverty tends to be deepest and most intractable. Despite important empirical studies there had to date been no systematic assessment of the livelihood impacts of land reform in the region. The project aimed to fill this data gap, developing appropriate and replicable methodologies for such an assessment. Initiated in October 2006, the project ended in March 2010. Co-ordinated by Prof Ben Cousins, the project included several PLAAS researchers: Dr Michael Aliber, Themba Maluleke and Tshililo Manenzhe.

Partnering with the private sector: The impacts of joint ventures between land reform beneficiaries and the private sector in Limpopo Province

Donor: South Africa–Netherlands Research Programme on Alternatives in Development

Joint ventures—also called 'strategic partnerships'—between beneficiaries and private sector entities have been promoted as a key thrust of land reform over the past few years, partly to preserve continuity of production and employment. This four-year study aimed to examine social and livelihood impacts of such partnerships, using the large scale Moletele land claim in the Hoedspruit area of Limpopo Province as a case study. Here a large land claim lodged by 50 000 members of the Moletele tribe is being settled through strategic partnerships with private sector companies, which manage commercial irrigated farms on the restored land through a jointly owned operating company. Field research was conducted by post-graduate students from PLAAS—under the supervision of Prof Ben Cousins—and VU University in Amsterdam—supervised by Prof Marja Spienburg. Two MPhil students graduated

in 2009, and a PhD student is expected to graduate in 2012. The study was initiated in 2008 and terminated in 2011.

Securing women's access to land in southern Africa

Donor: International Development Research Centre, Canada

PLAAS coordinated a regional project that supports small grants for action research and capacity strengthening on securing women's access, control and rights to land in four countries including Madagascar, Malawi, Mozambique and Zimbabwe. The small grant partners include a collaboration of local women's community based organisations, non-governmental organisations and research institutes. The 30-month project, administered by the International Land Coalition in Rome and in partnership with the Makerere Institute for Social Research in Kampala, was coordinated at PLAAS by Ritu Verma in 2009. The project terminated in mid-2011 with the publication of in-depth reports on women's access to land in Zimbabwe, Malawi, Mozambique and Madagascar.

Unravelling the vicious circle: Poverty alleviation and sustainable livelihoods in small-scale fisheries

Donor: Norwegian Research Council

Coordinated by Ma-Re-Ma Centre, Norwegian College of Fishery Science at University of Tromsø, this project started in March 2008 and was completed in December 2010. It aimed to map out the effects of environmental insecurity



and degradation on poverty and food security and vice versa in small-scale fisheries. The project interrogated how poverty can be alleviated while maintaining a healthy ecosystem and studied how poor communities cope, individually and collectively, with maintaining sustainable livelihoods through periods of resource crisis. Focusing on institutions at various levels that enable collective action in communities for dealing with resource crisis, the project investigated the capacity of institutions for poverty alleviation, resources stewardship and empowerment of the poor. PLAAS undertook two case studies as part of the project, one in South Africa — Dr Isaacs — and another in on the Southeast Arm of Lake Malawi — Dr Hara.

Defragmenting African resource management

Donor: ACP Science & Technology programme (ACP-European Union cooperation programme)

Coordinated by Dr Hara at PLAAS, this project runs from November 2009 to October 2012, and examines the global problem of fragmentation in commons management in southern Africa. The project seeks to build networks and research frameworks to integrate resource management and increase national capacity in five African countries — Botswana, Malawi, South Africa, Zambia and Zimbabwe — for integrated commons management. The main strategy for achieving this objective is developing and expanding scientific networks and integrated knowledge bases that can combine different relevant natural and social science disciplines to be of practical use for biodiversity conservation and sustainable development. Given the fragmentation of knowledge bases, a management policy for African commons using the ecosystem approach to natural resource management, must use new cross-disciplinary scientific networks to identify inter-sectoral connections, articulate and implement research, and translate the results into advice for policy makers. Case studies include: Kafue Flats in Zambia; the Zambezi Basin in Zambia and Zimbabwe; Chilwa floodplain in Malawi; the Southeast arm of Lake Malawi; the Okavango Delta in Botswana; Dwesa-Cwebe Nature Reserve in the Transkei/Wild Coast; and ecosystem management of small pelagic fisheries in South Africa.

Cross-sectoral commons governance in southern Africa

Donor: European Union 6th Framework Programme

This project, globally co-ordinated by Innovative Fisheries Management, Aalborg University, Denmark and in southern Africa by Dr Hara at PLAAS, started in March 2007 and was completed in February 2009. It aimed to share existing

research and experiences in governing large scale natural resource commons across different ecosystem types in Southern Africa — including marine and other large water body coastal zones; arid and semi-arid grasslands, savannahs and forest patches; and floodplain ecosystems. The dual challenge of governance is to meet large-scale problems with large-scale solutions rooted in local practices and to use an ecosystem approach to integrate management of different types of commons — each of which may play a role in the household survival strategies of vulnerable populations. The work took place in two themed phases: 1) Knowledge, power, economic transformation and existing commons practices; and 2) Building on existing practices to achieve effective governance across extensive scales. Project partners also included the Okavango Research Centre, University of Botswana; Centre for Social Research, University of Malawi; Department of Fisheries, Malawi; Centre for Applied Social Science, University of Zimbabwe; AQUAFISH, Zambia; Department of Sociology, University of Zambia; Institute of Social Anthropology, University of Berne, Switzerland; and Institute for Social Studies, The Netherlands. Research findings were published as a special of *Development Southern Africa* 25(4).

Water rights in informal economies: South Africa

Donor: International Water Management Institute (IWMI) and the IUCNs Trans-Boundary Protected Areas Research Initiative (TBPARI)

This research was conducted from 2008 to 2009 in collaboration with the International Water Management Institute under auspices of the Consultative Group for International Agricultural Research Challenge Programme for Water and Food. The project spanned trans-boundary basins of the Volta and Limpopo Rivers and embraced four African countries — Ghana, Burkina Faso, Mozambique and South Africa. The project examined formal and informal hydraulic property rights creation in communities practicing small-scale irrigation farming. Hydraulic property rights creation is the process of establishing recognised claims to water of a certain quantity and quality on a particular site at certain times. The project culminated in various policy-engagement workshops.

Farmland price trends in South Africa, 1994–2008

Donor: Department for Rural Development and Land Reform

This research consisted of updating the 'land price database' using raw data from the Deeds Office, and drafting a report analysing trends in farmland prices. Data and

analysis were subsequently used to help inform further work which assessed current land acquisition methods and sought to identify alternatives.

Community engagement final phase: Guidelines for best practice for social research in rural communities neighbouring trans-boundary protected areas — Kruger National Park

Donors: *Ford Foundation; International Union for the Conservation of Nature; Institute of International Education; University of Johannesburg; and others*

The final phase of the Trans-boundary Protected Areas Research Initiative (TPARI) Community Engagement project began in February 2009 — with guidelines written up based on proceedings from a series of participatory stakeholder workshops— and ended in April 2009 with a feedback workshop to local stakeholders and the publication of multi-language versions of the Guidelines. Earlier phases of the project started in February 2005 prior to the International Indaba on Social Research in Trans-boundary Protected Areas, which had emerged from proceedings of the 2003 World Parks Congress held in Durban, South Africa.

Strategies to support South African smallholders as a contribution to government's Second Economy Strategy

Donor: *Trade and Industrial Policy Strategies*

Commissioned on behalf of the South African government's Second Economy Strategy Project, this research began in February 2008 and concluded in June 2009. The study aimed to clarify the status of smallholders in South Africa and identify intervention priorities to support the smallholder sector. Led by PLAAS, the study involved a large team of researchers from several South African research institutions, and resulted in a two volume report: 'Situation analysis, fieldwork findings and main conclusions,' and sixteen 'Case studies'.

Ensuring reliable, affordable quality food for poor households

Donor: *ComMark*

Co-ordinated by the Human Sciences Research Council, this research examined the use of Statistics South Africa's household datasets to understand food security in South Africa. PLAAS began work in December 2008 and wrapped up the project in March 2009. Two journal articles were published based on this research.

Sharpening land acquisition strategies to accelerate land reform and get better value for money

Donor: *World Bank*

Commissioned on behalf of the Department for Rural Development and Land Reform, this research aimed to identify current obstacles to land acquisition in the redistribution programme and ways of overcoming these obstacles, focusing on the prospects for a 'concentrated land acquisition model'. The research revised the Department's draft memorandum reviewing the willing buyer-willing seller approach to land reform, including proposing a new compensation formula for instances of land expropriation.

Improving market access for emerging South African rooibos farmers

Donor: *USAID*

Subcontracted to PLAAS by Colorado State University, this project aimed to look at obstacles facing small rooibos farmers in engaging with commercial value chains, and to develop training materials to build the capacities of small farmers to engage with compliance systems. The project commenced in February 2010 and was headed by Andries du Toit, with most research being done by Sandra Kruger and Lisa Ryser of SKA Associates.

Integrating the human dimensions into an ecosystem approach to fisheries

Donor: *South African National Research Foundation and Namibian Research Council*

The collaborative research aimed to contribute to founding an evidence-based management system that integrates the human dimensions of fisheries into an ecosystem approach to fisheries (EAF). Integration will be based on the broadening knowledge base underpinning fisheries management decisions. The field of fisheries management has recently undergone a paradigm shift from the traditional single species approach to an ecosystem approach which considers social-ecological systems instead of single fish stocks. Notwithstanding the intention to implement an EAF, the current policy environment is dominated by the traditional focus on natural science, because of the perceived authority gradient from scientific knowledge to practical folk knowledge. However, it is becoming increasingly clear that relying solely on scientific knowledge for fisheries management is problematic, as the quantitative focus of fisheries science omits variables which are not easily measurable. Successful implementation of EAF needs to include the experience-based folk knowledge of resource users and information on the wider social context of fisheries. The project, led by Dr Moenieba Isaacs and Dr Barbara Patterson runs from 2010 to 2012.

In the shadow of a conflict: The impacts of Zimbabwe's land reform on Mozambique, South Africa and Zambia

Donor: *Research Council of Norway*

The project aimed to record and analyse the narratives of migrant farmers and farm workers to understand how they view the events that led them to leave Zimbabwe and why they chose their particular destinations. This research includes new considerations of how these migrants view their citizenship and levels of identity. The project assessed how they entered their new communities, how they established themselves, and how they have been treated and regarded by their new hosts at various levels including national, regional and local ones. The impact of migrations on recipient communities with respect to agricultural production, labour markets, access to land, and community conflicts, as well as on white farmers and black farm workers in South Africa was assessed. The South African component of the study, for which PLAAS was responsible, focused on the region north of the Soutpansberg Mountains in Limpopo — historically a major recipient area of

migrant labour. The study looks at older and newer patterns of migration, and how these have interacted with existing labour, land and livelihood conflicts on commercial farms and in communal areas. Completed in April 2010, project researchers included: Phillan Zamchiya and Ruth Hall, South Africa; Bill Derman, Noragric & University of Michigan; and Anne Hellum, Law Faculty, University of Oslo.

Farm workers and farm dwellers in South Africa: Tenure, livelihoods and social justice

Donor: *Norwegian Centre for Human Rights*

Undertaken in partnership with the Norwegian University of the Life Sciences, project researchers Ruth Hall, Shirhami Shirinda and Phillan Zamchiya aimed to examine farm worker and farm dweller tenure in a social justice perspective, with attention to policies and experiences on farms. The research sought to develop a better understanding of changing conditions in farming districts and how the various actors respond to policy and contributed to a nuanced understanding of processes at and between national, local and farm levels. The study aimed to contribute to knowledge and understanding relevant for improving tenure security and livelihoods of farm workers and farm dwellers as a key dimension of safeguarding their human rights and well-being. The field-based research, conducted on a small sample of farms in Vhembe District of Limpopo Province between 2007 and 2009, focused on, (i) migration, which is a powerful factor in this border district with Zimbabwe; (ii) the reproduction of patterns of gendered movement and segregation; (iii) the situation of children; and (iv) the impact of restitution on farm workers. The project was formally concluded in 2010.

Mobility, networks and institutions in the management of natural resources in Africa

Donor: *Volkswagen Foundation*

This multi-country project co-ordinated by the University of Cologne in Germany, comprises a teaching and learning component, with PLAAS supporting two PhD students and participating in collaborative research seminars with participants from several other African countries. The focus of the research is on the politics of human mobility and migration, and its relationship with natural resource management by local communities. The PLAAS component of the

project focuses on trans-boundary and community-based water management approaches, and the livelihoods of women cross-border traders between Zimbabwe and South Africa. Initiated in 2008, the project was completed in 2011 with the final submission of the two PhD theses.

Commercialisation of land and land grabbing in southern Africa

Donor: *UK Department for International Development*

Under this project, PLAAS partnered with the Future Agricultures Consortium — a network of African and British universities concerned to provide policy-relevant research insights to policy makers on the future of agriculture in Africa — and initiated a new area of work on the theme of land and land tenure in Africa. The research focuses on the extent, nature and impact of cross-border, large-scale land deals that involve changes in land use and land property relations — through land purchases, land leases and contract farming. Examining the politics of policy underlying transnational commercial land deals in Africa, the research asks: what transnational commercial land deals are underway in Africa; how are these structured and governed; and what is known about their impacts? In 2010, PLAAS established partnerships with counterpart research institutions in Malawi, Ghana, Kenya and Nigeria, and commissioned four in-depth studies in these countries; it also initiated and coordinated an Africa-wide small grants programme on the politics of major transnational land deals, as part of the Land Deal Politics Initiative. Twenty small grant studies across fourteen African countries were commissioned; the work is managed and led by Ruth Hall at PLAAS and extends over an initial three-year period from 2010 to 2013, with an intended extension and scale-up of the work thereafter.

Pro-poor value chain governance in southern Africa

Donor: *Ford Foundation*

This project, led by Ruth Hall and Gaynor Paradza, investigates economic opportunities available to small producers, how these opportunities are shaped by value chain governance, and how this in turn shapes opportunities for small growers to move out of poverty by equitably participating in local and regional agricultural markets. Many governments' prescriptions in the region promote greater market access for small producers, but existing evidence suggests that access is only part of the problem; the way value chain structures and governance marginalise small producers is just as important. The project therefore explores

how value chains actually work and the positions of small producers within them, so as to promote evidence-based policy-making to improve the livelihoods of poor producers through 'pro-poor value chain governance'.

Baseline and scoping study on the development and sustainable utilisation of storage dams for inland fisheries and their contribution to rural livelihoods

Donors: *The Water Research Commission and Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries*

The project is being done in collaboration with Department of Ichthyology and Fisheries Science, Rhodes University and Africa Centre for Water Research. Research on small-scale fisheries also considers the use of storage dams, impoundments and lakes in South Africa for developing and enhancing inland fisheries that can contribute towards protein food security, poverty reduction and improved livelihoods for rural communities in the vicinity of these dams and impoundments. The basis of the argument here is that existing dams and impoundments belonging to government departments — such as the Department of Water Affairs and the municipalities — could be used for this initiative. This research will investigate the technologies required and institutional reviews and revisions that can provide for such developments.

Policy dialogue: Connecting research and policy making on land, fisheries and poverty in South Africa

Donor: *The Atlantic Philanthropies*

This is a five-year programme (2007–2012) of focused dialogues between applied social scientists and those involved in formulating or influencing South African policies on land, fisheries and rural poverty. The objective of the programme is to promote effective policies for the reduction of poverty and inequality and the realisation of socio-economic rights in South Africa, through enhancing the use of research to inform policy debates and the design of specific policies and programmes. The programme involves a variety of face-to-face events and communication strategies and the development of innovative approaches and methodologies for encouraging dialogue between the key players in the relevant sectors. The programme

aims to reflect on its strategies and methodologies, assess which ones are effective, and why, and communicate these lessons to key role players in other sectors. This helps to widen the impact of the programme. The programme is staffed by Obiozo Ukpabi (programme co-ordinator and Policy Dialogue Officer) and Rebecca Pointer (Information and Communication Officer).

Overcoming rural poverty: Supporting innovation and policy development in rural civil society

Donor: *The Atlantic Philanthropies*

In 2011 we were granted one-year funding to implement a project that aims to interrupt a crisis of fragmentation and marginalisation in rural civil society in South Africa. The project objective focuses on developing a model for learning partnerships with civil society organisations in rural civil society. The model incorporates grassroots perspectives and civil society experience and practices of developing policies that affect rural people and influence the implementation of applied research methodologies in relation to rural policy. The model is intended to be implemented by research organisations supporting policy engagement by civil society. The programme is staffed by Obiozo Ukpabi (programme co-ordinator and Policy Dialogue Officer) and Rebecca Pointer (Information and Communication Officer), two PLAAS researchers Karin Kleinbooi and Jan Mogaladi, and an external research team, Phuhlisani Solutions.



10. Research Publications, 2008–2011

From 2008–2011 PLAAS produced:

- 8 books
 - 37 book chapters
 - 30 accredited journal articles
 - 62 popular articles
 - 84 papers and reports
 - 196 conference and workshop presentations
- and contributed to 114 media articles.



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11. Conferences & Professional Activities, 2008–2011

Conferences, workshops, public dialogues & debates hosted

- **PUBLIC DEBATE:** *Hunger for Food, Hunger for Land: Which way forward for Agriculture?* Centre for the Book, Cape Town, 27 August 2008. Organised and hosted by PLAAS and Amandla! Publishers.
- **PUBLIC SEMINAR:** *The Leftovers of Commercial Fishing Rights Systems is What Small-Scale Fishers Will Have to Fight For.* Centre for the Book, Cape Town, 13 November 2008. Organised and hosted by PLAAS.
- **CONFERENCE:** 'International Association for the Study of the Commons (IASC) Africa Regional Conference, Cape Town, 20–22 January 2009.
- **CONFERENCE:** Working on the Margins: Addressing Structural Poverty and Exclusion in South Africa, Belmont Conference Centre, Cape Town, 26–27 April 2009.

- **RURAL DEVELOPMENT THINK TANK:** PLAAS policy engagement workshop with the Department of Rural Development and Land Reform, Johannesburg, 13 August 2009.
- **HIGH-LEVEL POLICY WORKSHOP:** "Working on the Margins: Addressing structural and economic marginalisation in South Africa" Belmont Conference Centre, Cape Town, 26–27 March 2009.
- **PLAAS WORKSHOP:** Decentralizing Land, Dispossessing Women? Recovering Gender Voices and Experiences of Decentralized Land Reform in Africa, Maputo, Mozambique, May 2009.
- **NPA WORKSHOP:** Women's Rights to Land in Southern Africa: Envisioning and Reaching for the Future, Cape Town, South Africa, November 2009.
- **BOOK LAUNCH:** Another Countryside? Policy options for land and agrarian reform in South Africa, 24 June 2009.
- **LAUNCH WORKSHOP:** Defragmenting African Resource Management (DARMA), 29 January 2010.
- **WORKSHOP:** Securing Women's Access to Land, 22–26 February 2010.
- **REGIONAL WORKSHOP:** Commercialisation of Land and "Land Grabbing" in Southern Africa, 24–25 March 2010.
- **FILM SCREENING AND DISCUSSION:** Land Restitution in South Africa, 12th Encounters South African International Documentary Festival 2010, 18 August 2010.
- **NATIONAL CONFERENCE:** Overcoming Inequality and Structural Poverty in South Africa: Towards inclusive growth and development, Birchwood Hotel, Ekurhuleni, 20-22 September 2010.
- **PUBLIC DEBATE:** Back to the Plot! Debating a new agenda for rural transformation in South Africa, 31 January 2011.
- **BOOK LAUNCH:** Land, Memory, Reconstruction and Justice: Perspectives on Land Claims in South Africa, 16 February 2011.
- **PLAAS/ STIAS COLLOQUIUM:** Land Reform, Agrarian Change and rural poverty in the Southern African Region, 8–9 March 2011.
- **BOOK LAUNCH:** Zimbabwe's Land Reform: Myths and Realities, 11 March 2011.
- **INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE:** Global Land Grabbing, Sussex, 6–8 April 2011.
- **PUBLIC DIALOGUE:** New Laws, New Oppressions? The Potential for Negative Impacts on Rural Women of Recent Legislation on Traditional Authorities, Land Rights and Traditional Courts, 25 August 2011.

- **PUBLIC DIALOGUE:** Beyond Populism or Paralysis: A Real Debate on South Africa's Land Reform Trajectory, 24 October 2011.
- **NEW RESEARCHERS' WORKSHOP:** Land and Agrarian Studies, 27–28 October 2011.
- **WORKSHOP:** Are Small-Holder Farmers the 'Weak Link' in Value Chains?, 8–9 November 2011.

Professional board membership and professional activities

Dr Michael Aliber

- On reference group for Water Research Commission study on the 'Assessment of the social and economic acceptability of rainwater harvesting and conservation practices in selected peri-urban and rural communities', 2007-2011.
- External examiner for University of Fort Hare and Rhodes University.

Prof Ben Cousins

- Member of the Board, National Research Foundation
- Member, Centre Advisory Review Group, Development Research Centre on Citizenship, Participation and Accountability coordinated by the Institute of Development Studies, UK
- Member of the Board, Institute for Democracy in South Africa
- Member of the Editorial Board, *Journal of Agrarian Change*, Blackwells and *Afriche e Orienti*, University of Bologna
- External examiner for the University of Witwatersrand, University of Stellenbosch (Anthropology; Political Science); University of KwaZulu-Natal (Centre for Environment and Development); University of Cape Town (Sociology).

Prof Andries Du Toit

- Steven Kenyon: The Concepts of Poverty used by the ANC government between 1994 and 2004. M Phil in Public Policy, Graduate School of Humanities, University of Cape Town.
- Emma Maria Vink: Rethinking Conventional Agriculture: the Politics and Practices of 'Environmentally Friendly' Production in the South African Wine Industry. M Phil in Sociology, Department of Sociology, University of Stellenbosch.

Dr Ruth Hall

- Awarded: *UWC Women in Research 2010*
- Board member, Vice-Chairperson and Acting Chairperson: Rural Education Awareness and Community Health (REACH)
- Panel of Experts on Agricultural Production, Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
- Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries: Reference group, Sector Plan for Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
- Department of Rural Development and Land Reform: Task Team, Communal Property Associations 'work-stream'
- Declined: National Agricultural Marketing Council: Reference Group, Linking Farmers to Markets
- Co-ordinator of the Land Deal Politics Initiative
- Trustee of the United World Colleges Scholarship Trust of Southern Africa.
- Member of Women Organizing for Change in Agriculture Network
- External examiner for Masters in Public Administration, University of Stellenbosch

Dr Mafa Hara

- Member of the South African Network for Coastal and Oceanic Research
- Member of the International Institute of Fisheries Economics and Trade
- Member of the International Association for the Study of the Commons
- Member of the Aquatic Ecosystem Health and management Society
- Member of the British Ecological Society

Dr Moenieba Isaacs

- Board member of the Western Cape Aquaculture Development Initiative
- Member the Technical Task team to draft Small-scale Fisheries Policy for South Africa
- Member of the National Task team to draft Small-scale Fisheries Policy for South Africa
- Member of Integrated Marine Biogeochemistry and Ecosystem Research (IMBER), Human Dimension Working Group on Global Change in Marine Ecosystems
- International Association of Common Property (IASC) since 2000
- Western Cape Aquaculture Development Initiative (WCADI) since November 2009

- Fishing and Aquaculture Committee, Provincial Development Council
- Chairperson and board member of Women on Farms Project since 2006 –September 2010
- Internal Examiner for Mr Friday Njaya, PhD, June 2009
- Acting supervisor for Mr Philani Zamchiya, MPhil mini-thesis on *Changing Labour, Land and Social Relations on Commercial Farms: A case study from Limpopo, South Africa*, while his supervisor Dr Ruth Hall went on maternity leave in 2008
- Internship supervision of Kathlien Valkerniers, Belgian student, researching land, water and fishing rights in Ebenhaeser South Africa (September–December 2010).
- External Examiner for Ms Jennifer Rogerson, MSocSci in Social Anthropology, 2011.
- External Examiner for Ms Natalie Schell, MPhil in Environmental Management, Department of Environmental and Geographical Science, UCT, 2011
- External Examiner for Ms Kelsey Draper, MA in Social Anthropology, UCT, 2011
- External Examination for the Fisheries Science Masters at Tromsø University, Norway in January 2011 and May 2011
- Coordinating and teaching LAS 706 (Development, Planning and Sustainable Rural Livelihoods)
- Coordinating and teaching LAS 707 (Natural Resource Management)
- Coordinating and teaching LAS 805 (Research Methods)
- Coordinating and teaching Social Ecological Systems to Benguela Current Commission member countries (Angola, South Africa, Namibia) in Swakopmund on 24-28 October 2011.

Karin Kleinbooi

- Member of Fair Trade South Africa
- Member of Fair Trade Label South Africa

Jan Mogaladi

- Member of Human Rights and Extreme Poverty Project network (HUREP), University of Oslo

Dr Gaynor Paradza

- Reference group member, Good Governance Learning Network
- Reference group member, NAMC Linking Farmers to Markets

Barbara Tapela

- Member of the Water Research Commission (South Africa) Research Review Panels on 'Social Research',

`Water Use and Waste Management' and `Water Resource Management'

- Member of the Working for Water Programme's Research Advisory Panel
- PLAAS representative in the Southern African Water Network (Waternet)

University of the Western Cape committee membership

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12. National and International Collaborative Partners

- AQUAFISH, Zambia
- Benguela Current Commission, Regional Training and Capacity Building
- Bunda College of Agriculture, University of Malawi
- Centre for Applied Social Sciences, University of Zimbabwe, Zimbabwe
- Centre for Marine Resource management (MaReMa), Norwegian College of Fishery Science, University of Tromsø, Norway
- Centre for Social Research, University of Malawi
- Department of Biology, University of Malawi
- Department of Fisheries, Malawi
- Department of Sociology, University of Cape Town
- Dr Richard White (Independent Land Consultant), Botswana
- Dr Stephen Turner (Independent Consultant), the Netherlands

- Forum Mulher (FM), Mozambique
- HARDI Madagascar
- Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex
- Innovative Fisheries Management (IFM), Aalborg University, Denmark
- Institute of Social Anthropology, University of Berne, Switzerland
- Institute for Social Studies, the Netherlands
- International Development Research Centre, Ottawa, Canada
- International Land Coalition, Rome, Italy
- International Water Management Institute (IWMI)
- InWEnt (Capacity Building International), Germany
- Makerere Institute for Social Research, University of Kampala
- Marine Research Institute (MA-RE), University of Cape Town
- Member of the Korean–African Fisheries Forum (KORAFF)
- Mokoro Ltd. (Development Consultants), United Kingdom
- National Agricultural Research Centre for Rural Development (FOFIFA), Madagascar
- Norwegian People's Aid on Gender, Agriculture and Land
- Norwegian University of Science and Technology Norway
- Okavango Research Centre, University of Botswana
- Sustainable Immunisation Financing (SIF), Madagascar
- University of Cape Town, Environmental Evaluation Unit, Cape Town
- University of Namibia, Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences, Namibia
- University of Tromsø, Marine Resource Management (MaReMa), Norwegian College of Fishery Science, Norway
- University of Zimbabwe, Centre for Applied Social Science, Zimbabwe
- Women's Legal Resource Centre (WOLREC), Malawi
- Women's Farmer Association (WFA), Zimbabwe
- Zambia Land Alliance, Zambia



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